

ST. PETER SCHOOL VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is an important quality in our volunteers. As followers of Christ, we are exhorted to “say only the good things that men NEED to hear.” We must be careful not to involve ourselves in gossip or detraction, which are sins against the eighth commandment. We are responsible for protecting the reputation, dignity and good name of our teachers, students and their families. As a volunteer you have an obligation to hold confidential all information regarding teachers, students, and their families. The release of this information is considered unethical. If you have any concerns, please speak with the principal.

Dress

- Modesty and respect for our bodies as a gift from God is emphasized.
- Kindly refrain from wearing: tight-fitting shirts, pants or skirts; skirts that are above the knee; low necklines or sleeveless shirts; shirts that show bra lines or straps; shirts that show the abdomen; shorts or low waist-line clothes or oversized pants.
- Jewelry has many norms in our current society. When you come to St. Peter School acceptable jewelry includes: watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings (women and girls only) in the earlobe. Please remove other visible jewelry and in other pierced areas (nose, tongue, upper ear, eyebrow, etc.)
- Any item that could be perceived as a weapon, such as a pocket knife, is not allowed in school. If you are in doubt about an object, simply ask at the office or choose not to bring it.

Language

- Using positive language is important as a mentor for any student. However, sometimes people develop habits that could be offensive even if they are accepted in general society. Therefore:
 - Do not use the name of God or Jesus in a careless or disrespectful way.
 - Do not use curse words, even of a “soft” kind
- DO feel free to share your love for God with our students and answer questions if they ask. However, if you are not Catholic or are not sure how to answer something, you can always ask the teacher or principal for help!

Miscellaneous

- Respect the professional role and judgment of the teacher.
- Become familiar with the school’s policies and procedures and act in accordance with them.
- Discipline situations should be referred directly to the teacher in charge.
- Do not use your volunteer time as an opportunity to consult teachers on your own child’s progress.
- Do not chew gum or bring snacks and beverages to your volunteer assignment.