



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

CISP is an academic, Christian community. It is not a closed community – people who do not believe in Jesus are welcome. However, we want to be a community marked by *love and respect*. We believe God calls us to love and respect himself, each other, and his world. This community will be a place where you can grow and learn to the extent that we demonstrate love and respect. How does this work out day-to-day?

Loving and Respecting God

There will be many community activities that deal with God and the Bible more or less directly, such as chapel, devotional times, and Bible classes. Even if you personally do not agree with the Christian faith, it is important that you show respect for others' faith, respect for their God. All of the members of the community are expected to participate in these activities respectfully. Furthermore, while we encourage debate about matters of religion, we expect that students will refrain from religious practices that run counter to this community's faith-statement (for example, experimenting with the occult). We want to be a community that respects God's Word.

Loving and Respecting God's World through Learning

This is a learning community, and academics are important. Learning, inside and outside the classroom, is a way of showing love and respect for God's world. Therefore we expect students to show up for class, and show up on time. We expect students to participate in class in a way that is helpful and cooperative. We expect students to do their homework. And we expect that students who are struggling in class to seek help from their teachers. Students need to learn fairly – cheating and plagiarism (passing another's work off as your own) have no place in this community. They show no love or respect for learning about God's world.

Loving and Respecting Each Other

We believe that human beings are created in God's image, and therefore they are to be treated with the utmost love and respect.

This means that students need to demonstrate love and respect their teachers. Address them by their proper title (Mr., Mrs., Miss., Dr., etc.) unless a teacher invites you to speak less formally. Our teachers are here because they want to help you to grow. Students need to treat their teachers with respect and care.

Students are to love and respect each other. Obviously, this means that students should not fight with each other, bully or intimidate, or steal from each other. Less obviously, it means that students must watch how they speak to and about each other. Gossip, unfair criticism, sarcasm, and lying all undermine relationships, and they have no place in this community. Forming friendships that exclude others (cliques) are a way of saying that some students are worth more than

others. Students need to help each other – and especially the older students need to watch out for the younger ones. We expect students to refrain from foul language and gestures – remember that you older students are setting an example for the younger ones. When students disagree, we expect them to argue in a way that shows respect, “speaking the truth in love.” Positively, students should look for ways to be peace-makers in this community. And when feelings do get hurt, we need to be quick to forgive each other. Grudges have no place in this community.

We expect students to show respect for other people’s property. If one student lacks something, other students should show generosity. Destroying or harming another student’s or the school’s property is forbidden.

We believe that sex is a gift from God and something to be enjoyed only when protected by a life-long marriage relationship. We expect students to respect and love one another by refraining from sexually pressuring or harassing other students. We do not allow pornographic materials at school, as these degrade people made in God’s image.

We believe that God owns our bodies and wants us to live in peace and intentionally breaking local law is strictly forbidden. Therefore, students will refrain from the use or possession of tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol or other controlled substances at school or at school functions. In the case of suspicion of consumption or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, according to Czech law, CISP has the right to test students or call competent health care provider or authorized authority to perform the test. In the case of refusal, law reinforcement may be called to administer the test in an effort ensure the safety of our student body.

The use of or the encouragement of others to use any of these substances outside the school is a serious concern, in which case we may request a meeting to address this issue with parental permission and involvement.

Students who struggle in any of these areas need to know that they have the freedom to talk to teachers to find help. We love and respect each other by helping others where they are weak.

This is the code of conduct we expect students to follow. We do not expect students to be perfect, but we do expect them to strive to show respect and love toward God, toward his world, and toward each other. It is important that students understand that violations of this code may result in disciplinary action (perhaps even expulsion for serious violations). If you find yourself struggling with the code, please seek a teacher’s help right away.

I understand and agree to abide by all of the above.

Student’s name (print)

Student’s signature

Date

Parent’s name (print)

Parent’s signature

Date