

## Mater Dei Code of Christian Conduct

We believe that membership in our school community is a special privilege. But to create a climate in which real community can take root and grow, we need a code of behavior, a disciplined structure of rules and procedures that will help us to work and interact together.

Here at Mater Dei High School our code of behavior is rooted in our identity as a Catholic High School--a center of learning for those who believe in:

- The sustaining presence of God the Father
  - The redeeming presence of Jesus the Son
  - The energizing presence of the Holy Spirit
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- ❖ We accept, therefore, the moral values and responsibilities that challenge us as Christian men and women, as faculty and students.
  - ❖ We agree to recognize each person's dignity and to treat all with respect, courtesy, and Christian concern.
  - ❖ We agree to cooperate with teachers to create an environment of order that makes learning possible.
  - ❖ We agree to care for our learning equipment, our building, our school grounds, and
  - ❖ We strive to mesh our individual goals with the goals of our school community.

Beyond these minimum expectations, all are encouraged to maximize their opportunities for friendship, learning, involvement, and spiritual growth.

### Basic Expectations

- Attend class regularly and on time.
- Participate in class and complete assignments.
- Accept direction from faculty and staff **as communicated verbally and in writing.**
- Be courteous and respectful toward teachers, staff, and classmates.
- Maintain self-discipline; e.g., silence when silence is expected.
- Display the highest standard of personal integrity at all times.
- Maintain ethical behavior-- respect the rights of others.
- Respond cooperatively to directives given by school faculty and staff members.