



STUDENT CONDUCT GUIDELINES

When you are found in different environments you often wonder, “What are the expectations?” “What are the guidelines?” At Revival Harvest Supernatural School (RHSS), our guidelines are found within the values which we hope to instill in your life.

As God has called you to RHSS, our mission is to develop the revivalist in you. We want to help you **Discover Your Identity! Unlock Your Gifts! Change the World!**

We understand the important truth that who we are and how we live is expressed and affected by simple choices and behaviors. These choices and behaviors provide a lifestyle. Ultimately this lifestyle flows from who you are.

The following is a practical expression of conduct/behaviors that flow from the core of who you are. We find them very helpful in creating an atmosphere that advances God’s Kingdom within you us as a community.

BE FOCUSED: Students with FOCUS have a “YES” in their spirit so strong which enables them to say “NO” to distractions and compromise. Focus is key in accomplishing all that God has called you to become. At the very least, focus is expressed by the following:

1. Come into class on time. Don’t wait to be called in.
2. Quiet down immediately when someone begins to address the class.
3. Give whoever is speaking the honor of your full attention. This means not being on Facebook, checking your email/text messages, surfing the internet, etc. Minimize the distraction and enjoy the growth you’ll experience.
4. Turn your cell phone ringer off and do not answer it in class. Return calls at the break or after class.
5. Do your Bible reading on time so that you can discuss the Word and integrate truth into your life.
6. Read the assigned books on time so that you can discuss and integrate their principles into your life.

HAVE PASSION: “Being a lover will produce all you do and who you are becoming.” When we are passionate about something our whole being is engaged. Our minds, bodies, emotions, and energies are all directed towards what has captured us.

Obviously, the Lord Himself is the One whom we encourage you to direct your passion. As you love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, you tap into His passions for His Church, the lost, and yourself. At the least, passion is expressed in the following:

1. Worship with your whole being! Worship is not free time, or a time for conversation. It is also not a time to be continually praying for people. It is a time to put our focus on the Lord and exalt him with joyful and passionate praise and deep intimate worship. Allowing yourself to become disconnected or uninvolved is not a healthy option.
2. Allow your passion to be revealed in excellence. Some of the work you are asked to do is only viewed by you and God. That should be enough for you! If you find yourselves trying to cut corners or “beat the system,” you are really missing the point.
3. As a part of your spiritual development we are advising you to serve in different areas of ministry for conferences held at RHLC. This will consist of serving at various capacities for each conference. Plenty of opportunities for cross training in different areas of ministry will be provided. If a conflict in schedule rises, please communicate with the leadership at RHSS as soon as possible. Based on your availability, we are asking that you are ready and willing in and out of season. We are also asking you to be members of the prayer team for conferences. Conferences will have rotating positions for the sessions to best work for your personal schedule. At the end of conferences and school nights, students are encouraged to pitch in and help clean the church.

LIVE IN PURITY:

One definition of grace is “the undeserved love of God and His power to change me and situations.” The Lord gives us grace to walk in purity. Holiness is really wholeness. The Lord asks us to walk in purity because it is life-giving! Sin hurts you, other people, and God. Not only that, it makes people think and act in crazy ways. You may hear often when we apply discipline because we believe it so deeply. But your leaders will say something like, “What were you thinking?” You are way too awesome to be acting that way!” Christians should never take a “break” or “vacation” from our character or the core values of Scripture. Grace gives us the power to change and stay changed. If you find in your hearts that God is ready and able to heal, the RHSS environment of freedom requires a high level of connection to God and community. We are calling out the royalty in one another, not just trying to abstain from sin.

HAVE INTEGRITY:

1. Do your homework well and with the right heart posture.
2. Truthfully record your attendance and Bible reading, etc. Do not mark down that you have finished your readings if you have not. Being a person of integrity is far more important than shortcuts, looking good, or avoiding conflict over your conduct.
3. Deal with your spouses and/or roommates with absolute integrity and humility. Live simply for this season so you can pay your household bills on time. How you treat those of your home is deeply important to God and, consequently, to us.
4. Sexual Wholeness: Seek to be imitators of God with no trace of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, living as children of light and finding out what pleases the Lord (Ephesians 5:1-12). This standard governs our private and public life. Let your sexuality be expressed in a way that pleases God. The Father has blessed marriage with the gift of sex and married couples are obviously expected to be faithful in body, heart and mind. All of those who remain unmarried are expected to be faithful in body, heart and mind. All of those who remain unmarried are expected to honor God and one another with sexual purity. Pornography is not God's best for any of His children – those who engage in it or view it. It objectifies, traps, and degrades people. Viewing it diminishes a believer's confidence and voice. It creates a painful division in our heart. Get help and stay connected to friends and your group leader if the enemy is trying to get a "foothold" and trap you in this temptation.
5. Substance Abuse and Tobacco Use: Of course, we expect students to comply with all local laws and regulations of our government regarding substances that are illegal. Marijuana use is not an acceptable choice for our students. As for tobacco use, we encourage any Christian struggling with this addiction to receive the power of the Spirit to be free of this bondage. There is grace in this school to succeed in this area and we set the standard high.
6. Alcohol Consumption: In the area of alcohol, we do not make a strict rule concerning its use because Scripture does not – except to never be drunk (Ephesians 5:18), and this is our expectation that you will never be drunk (from alcohol). Our state government does have strict rules. For instance, Maryland law prohibits alcohol use for those less than 21 years of age (no matter your country or origin). There should be no student parties with alcohol, as we want our younger brothers and sisters to feel right at home.

One is legally considered drunk and may not drive with a .08 or higher blood alcohol content. We obviously expect you to obey these laws.

Our freedom is given to us so that we may serve one another in love. We do not want the fear of punishment to control us, but we do want honor, respect, and wisdom to moderate our choices in order to protect our influence and insure that it is positive.

BE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

You are already well aware of what it has cost you – in time, finances, perhaps moving to a new region, etc. to attend RHSS. We recognize and value your sacrifice. Still, there is so much more! RHSS is not just a “Sunday-Monday” night school. It is a nine-month journey together for such a joyful duration. The willingness to pay the price is expressed through the following behaviors:

1. Please be present.
 - a. Don't check in and then leave to have a conversation or go out to get coffee so you are “on time” but not present in worship or class.
 - b. Please do not linger in foyer during worship, teaching, or activation time.
2. It is our expectation that you will very seldom need to leave class early. If you must leave, please let the person in charge of attendance know.
3. Some classes may run over time. But overtime will not exceed 30 minutes.
4. Attendance to class, prayer, Redemption House Conferences, and other events is a large part of our school experience. We expect you to faithfully attend on time.
5. Appointments with any leaders may not be scheduled during worship or class times.
6. Leading with a king's heart and servant's hands is such a joy! Be quick to volunteer or serve at an event. Your leaders have been setting an example in this area for years. One important lesson they have learned is that “The seat of service often turn into the throne of destiny.”
7. RHSS is dependent on your on-time payments of tuition. “Paying any price” looks like getting a job, diligently getting support from your home church or family and friends, or giving up something important or pleasurable (like a latte or a trip to the city) in order to keep your school tuition and housing bill current.
8. Evaluations will be done with admin staff and discipleship will be offered for those that are struggling.

LIVE IN COMMUNITY:

Our behavior deeply affects one another. We are not our own, we have been bought with a price and place in a family. We can help each other soar or knock the joy out of each other. Learning to forgive, get along, lovingly confront, encourage, take responsibility for each other, and cultivating the desire to seek someone else's "highest best" above our own is the definition of maturity. So at the very least, let's:

1. Realize your Christian freedom is not an end in itself. It is not the goal; rather it is a tool for building something beautiful. Freedom provides the space and opportunity to truly love. Will you love? Will you choose what is best for the beloved or the family? Will you use your freedom to protect our connection and our heart or for selfishness? "You my brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love. (Galatians 5:13)
2. Confront one another in love. If someone is doing something scary or destructive then tell them. Help each other by speaking the truth in love. If someone is making poor choices about drugs or spending time in their bedroom with their girlfriend/boyfriend behind closed doors, love them enough to speak to them. If someone lovingly confronts you, welcome his or her input. They care about you. Our culture of freedom exists because we freely call out the greatness in each other. It does not help anyone to ignore people's poor choices and sin. If they don't make a change quickly, bring it to the attention of your Group Leader.
3. To bring out the best in each other and recognize that we really are in community, we want to bring strength and help into your dating life. We recommend talking to leaders in your life before, during, and after pursuing someone. At a very minimum we expect you to inform your Group Leader immediately if you begin a relationship. They will discuss with you how you are going to honor God in your relationship and who you will be transparent with and draw upon for help/wisdom.
4. Remember, **Proverbs 11:14** *Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.*

NOTE: On international mission trips and national ministry trips, alcohol is absolutely prohibited. There are just too many hazards where we can be hurt or hurt the local Christian community. This is another example of laying down our freedom for a higher good.

KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOVED BY GOD AND IN TURN – LOVE HIM:

All that we do, we do because we are loved, not to earn the love of God. Jesus died so that He might have relationship with us.

Some of you may go through an Ester season, carry a Deborah anointing, have a Joseph experience, or even have strength like Daniel! The testings, training, and accountability is needed.” No matter what, we are being trained and equipped to stand firm and trust!”

1. Let all other motives, be their desire to change the world, to be a person of vision who’s “great for God,” or the drive to please leaders and classmates, be secondary to your connection with Him.
2. Life is busy and demanding and we don’t want you to lose your connection to God in the midst of ministry. Concentrate on maintaining your personal friendship with the Lord this year. This is why journaling, prayer, soaking, and worship are so important. It is a mistake to let go of our primary connection with Him in this season of new friends, new experiences and serving on His behalf.