

# Vincennes University Pre-College Programs

## Youth Code of Conduct

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Vincennes University (VU) and its pre-college programs are committed to providing a welcoming community and an inclusive culture that allows each student to participate fully and safely. Our values include civility and mutual respect with students and their families, as well as supporting that same respect among our youth participants. Bullying, harassment, discrimination, and disrespect are not tolerated in VU youth programs.

Our Code of Conduct outlines general expectations of all participants. Parents and participants are responsible for reviewing and following these expectations;

- Be respectful, use good manners, and follow instructions
- Be on time for the start and end of program activities
- Fully cooperate with any sign in/sign out and identification verification procedures
- Respect the property of VU and others; do not damage or misuse property or equipment. Participants are responsible for any costs due to loss or damage
- Stay in specified program areas at all times. Participants are required to remain with staff unless arrangements are made in advance with the director
- Participants will “travel” (i.e., walk) within program perimeters accompanied by at least one other participant or staff member
- Mutual respect for each other’s differences and ideas is expected
- Inappropriate language is not acceptable. This includes but is not limited to swearing and/or derogatory, threatening words
- No hazing, bullying, fighting, or threatening actions are allowed
- Conduct that is harmful to the safety and well-being of any individual or group is not tolerated. This behavior will result in program dismissal
- Immediately notify program staff of any accidents or injuries, no matter how minor
- Abide by all rules and limitations on the use of cell phones, electronic devices, social media, etc.
- No use or possession of tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol. If a student is bringing prescription medications, note that medication information and prior parent/guardian permission is required
- No use or possession of fireworks, firearms, knives, or any other weapons
- No theft or unauthorized use or possession of the property of another
- No sexual activity
- No travel or occupancy in a personal vehicle without parental permission and approval by program director
- Follow housing rules, if applicable, including but not limited to rules regarding visitors
- Do not permit non-program participants to have access to dormitories or other facilities. Immediately notify program staff of any non-program person(s) who is present or attempting to access the program area

If any of these expectations are not followed, or additional conduct issues arise, VU staff will review on an individual basis to determine if any actions must be taken. Final action could result in dismissal from the program without a refund, by discretion of the Program Director and/or University administrators.