

Canterbury Lounge Use Agreement

This agreement must be signed by students who would like to use Canterbury Lounge each academic year.

The Canterbury Lounge is a space provided by St. Aidan's Episcopal Church for students to use to relax, share fellowship, and study. It is open from 7am until 11pm, and we provide some ready-to-eat food and snacks for use in the lounge, as well as a public computer and attached printer. The Canterbury Lounge is to be an open, welcoming, loving, hospitable and faith-nurturing environment. All users are asked to abide by this agreement. The Canterbury Lounge is unsupervised, so it is your responsibility to maintain these agreements.

Please check that you have reviewed each of these:

- No illegal drugs or alcohol.
- The church building is closed from 11pm to 7am daily.
- No overnight sleeping in the lounge.
- Food is for the community that uses it—please be respectful of others in your consumption!
- The Canterbury Lounge and/or the Study Area may, from time to time, be used by a meeting or a program or ministry of St. Aidan's, which would take priority over student use at that time.
- All conduct must follow the Appropriate Affection in Ministry guidelines (see other side).
- Any conflicts regarding use of TV, music, or quiet study space need to be negotiated graciously among members.
- The Study Area computer is to be used primarily for school work. I will not use any church computer to access or view illegal or inappropriate websites or material.
- The Study Area printer is to be used primarily for school work. It should not be used to print lengthy documents. Other church printers are not available for student use.
- I agree that I will not share the access code (for access to the building outside of office hours) to the Canterbury Lounge with anyone else. _____ I understand that if I do, the code will be changed and I will lose my privileges to use the Canterbury Lounge.
- I agree that if I am the last one to leave the building, I will verify that all exterior doors are locked and secure.

Canterbury Colorado Policies Regarding Children, Youth, or Young Adults
Appendix A - Guidelines for Appropriate Affection in Ministry with Program members

Guidelines for Appropriate Affection in Ministry with Program members

The Diocese of Colorado and Canterbury Colorado are committed to creating and promoting a positive, nurturing environment for our ministries that protect our program members from abuse and our Church Workers from misunderstandings. When creating safe boundaries for program members, it is important to establish what types of affection are appropriate and inappropriate; otherwise that decision is left to each individual. Stating which behaviors are appropriate and inappropriate allows Church Workers to comfortably show positive affection in ministry, and yet identify individuals who are not maintaining safe boundaries with program members. These guidelines are based, in large part, on avoiding behaviors known to be used by child molesters to groom program members and their parents for future abuse. The following guidelines are to be carefully followed by all Church Workers working around or with program members.

1. Love and affection are part of church life and ministry. There are many ways to demonstrate affection while maintaining positive and safe boundaries with program members. Some **positive** and **appropriate** forms of affection are listed below:

- Brief hugs.
- Pats on the shoulder or back.
- Handshakes.
- “High-fives” and hand slapping.
- Verbal praise.
- Touching hands, faces, shoulders and arms of program members.
- Arms around shoulders.
- Holding hands during prayer.

2. The following forms of affection are considered **inappropriate** with program members in ministry setting.

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces.
- Kisses on the mouth.
- Showing affection in isolated areas such as bedrooms, closets, staff-only areas or other private rooms.
- Occupying a bed with a program member
- Touching knees, legs, bottoms, chests or genital areas of program members.
- Wrestling with program members.
- Tickling program members.
- Piggyback rides.
- Any type of massage given by a program member to an adult.
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- Any form of unwanted affection.
- Comments or compliments (spoken, written, or electronic) that relate to physique or body development for example, “You sure are developing,” or “You look really hot in those jeans.”
- Snapping bras or giving wedgies or similar touching of underwear whether or not it is covered by other clothing.
- Giving gifts or money to individual program members, except as designated above, and where appropriate in group situations in which gift giving is an accepted practice.
- Private meals in private settings with individual program members.

Signature Page for Canterbury Lounge Agreement

This page is to be kept at St. Aidan's; pages 1 and 2 are for the signer.

I agree to abide by the agreements on the Canterbury Lounge Agreement pages 1 and 2.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Email:

Cellphone:

Mailing Address (at CU):

Parents Mailing Address (all):

For office use only below this line

Name and email added to Canterbury Email List _____