

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

for Community Life and Studies

Welcome to Steinreich Bibelschule

At Steinreich Bibelschule, we aim to create a space where students can deepen their biblical understanding and prepare for mission work and church planting. Our mission is to teach and equip students to be effective servants of Christ, growing both spiritually and personally in a supportive environment.

Living in Community

Living in close community with students from diverse backgrounds, both genders and families is an essential part of our Bible school training. As we live, study, and grow together, we learn to respect one another's privacy, avoid unnecessary conflicts, and foster a peaceful, harmonious environment.

Our ultimate goal is for each student to **Receive**, **Revive**, and **Return**—receiving biblical truth, reviving their faith, and returning to their homes, churches, and communities ready to serve.

Mission:

To teach and train students who seek a deeper understanding of the Bible and equip them for mission work, church planting, and Christian service.

Motto:

Receive – Revive – Return

Values:

We uphold the following values as the foundation of our community life:

- Responsibility: Embracing our duties with accountability.
- Connection: Strengthening our relationships with God, peers, and the community.
- Acceptance: Fostering an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- **Teamwork**: Working together towards shared goals.
- **Respect**: Honoring the uniqueness of each person.
- Honesty: Maintaining integrity in our actions and words.
- Hospitality: Offering kindness and generosity to all.
- **Punctuality**: Respecting others by being on time.
- Cleanliness: Valuing the order and upkeep of our surroundings.
- Justice: Promoting fairness and equality.
- **Peacemaking**: Encouraging reconciliation and harmony.
- Love: Reflecting Christ's love in everything we do.

By embracing these values, we create an environment where spiritual growth flourishes, preparing students to **receive** biblical wisdom, **revive** their faith, and **return** to their communities as equipped, humble servants of Christ.

Biblical Foundation for our Guidelines:

- Hebrews 10:24: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
- Colossians 3:14: "And above all put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
- Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."
- Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Residence Regulations

1. Schedule

a) **Daily Schedule:**

Morning Devotion: 8:50 AM - 9:15 AM
Classes: 9:15 AM - 8:55 PM
Evening Devotion: 8:55 PM - 10:15 PM

b) Study/Quiet Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 7:00 PM - 8:55 PM
No sports or loud activities allowed. Students are expected to study quietly in designated areas.

c) **Evening Service**:

- 9:00 PM 10:15 PM includes devotions, snacks, and socializing.
- Lights out: 10:15 PM. Quiet time: 10:45 PM.

d) Weekends:

- Friday to Sunday: Students are to be in residence by 11:00 PM.
- Weekend trips should be arranged in advance with house-parents.
- Participation in SBS-organized weekend events is mandatory.

2. Campus Conduct

- Visitors: Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome, but class schedules and study times must be respected.
- Leaving Campus: Permission from house-parents is required.
- **Music**: Only wholesome music that upholds Christian values is allowed. To ensure your music doesn't disturb others, please use earphones. Earphones should only be used in personal spaces or off-campus.
- **General Conduct:** The use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and vaping is strictly prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in immediate suspension without prior warning.
- Dorm Access: Boys are never allowed in the girls' dorm and vice versa, even outside of school hours.
- **Beds:** The school only provides single beds, except in the residences of married students. Therefore, it is expected that only one person occupies a bed at any time.
- Laundry: Students are responsible for doing their own laundry—girls in the girls' dorm and boys in the boys' dorm. Please ensure the laundry room is left clean after use. The school provides detergent, but students are expected to use it respectfully and in appropriate quantities.
- Parking: Respect designated parking areas.

3. Dress Code

We witness through our actions and appearance. Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times:

For Men:

- Dress neatly. Frayed pants, tank tops (muscle shirts), or shorts are not allowed.
- Dress appropriately for special events.
- Hair is to be kept neat and formal (including beards).
- No earrings or piercings.

For Women:

- Modest clothing that doesn't draw undue attention.
- Blouses should cover the midriff; no sleeveless tops or shorts.
- Skirts must cover the knees when sitting.
- If make-up or jewelry is used, it should be neat and not excessive.

For Both Men and Women:

- No unnatural hair colors or piercings during the school year.
- Pajamas, nightclothes, and slippers should be worn only in the bedrooms.
- Sweatpants and shorts are only permitted during exercise and are not allowed on other occasions.
- Caps are not to be worn during meals, classes, or morning and evening devotions.
- Camouflage clothing of any kind is not allowed during the school year, as we are an Anabaptist school.
- Shoes are to be worn when you leave your room.

For graduation and programs:

• Black dress pants and black dress shirts for men, and floor-length black skirts and black blouses or floor-length dresses for women are required for graduation and special programs.

4. Kitchen & Dining Guidelines

• Access: Only authorized individuals may enter the kitchen or pantry. Students are not allowed to help themselves to food.

Meal Times:

o Breakfast: 8:00 AM o Lunch: 12:00 PM o Supper: 5:30 PM

- Anyone who arrives after meal cleanup, forfeits their meal unless prior arrangements are made.
- If students or staff plan to miss a meal due to fasting, being off-campus, or dining out, they should inform the kitchen staff in advance.

5. Opposite Gender Relationships

- Students in relationships must submit a "Permission Form for Couples" and receive approval from the school director and house-parents.
- First-year students cannot date in the first two months of the school year. In the third month, dating is allowed if the above rule are followed.
- Relationships outside of school:
 - o If a student is in a relationship with someone outside of the school, it is allowed for them to come to an evening service once a week. It is not allowed to meet during study times.
 - o Boyfriends/girlfriends are not permitted to visit/participate in extracurricular activities. Engaged couples are allowed with prior arrangements with the office.
 - o In no circumstance are students allowed to sit in their vehicles with guests.

6. Additional rules for married couples and families:

- Married couples without children, is highly recommended that both enroll as full-time students.
- In married couples with children, one parent is expected to be a full-time student while the other takes responsibility for the children.
- Children are to follow SBS guidelines and remain under their parents' supervision at all times.

• Kids' Guidelines:

- o Designated areas for children with supervision at all times::
 - Playground
 - School gym (available from 1:00 pm to 2:35 pm)

Please use these areas for children and avoid other campus spaces, such as gardens, housing areas, storage buildings (Reto Oasis), classrooms, hallways, study rooms, computer lab, library, offices, auditorium, kitchen, and other campus facilities. This helps maintain a quiet and focused environment for students

- o Parents are encouraged to decide at what age their children may attend evening devotion. If attending, children are expected to remain quiet during the service.
- o Parents are responsible for any damages caused by their children and will be required to cover the cost of repairs or replacements.

7. Classroom Guidelines

- Be punctual and come prepared for every class.
- No cell phones or food allowed in class.
- Students in relationships are not allowed to sit together in class to avoid distractions.

