



## Principles and Guidelines for community life and study at Steinreich Bible School

Living at an institution such as the Steinreich Bible School brings people together from different places and of course, both genders. To learn to live together in such close proximity is an important part of the Bible school training. We need to respect one another and avoid getting on each other's nerves. The following guidelines have been developed with the goal of making our life together enjoyable and avoid invading each other's privacy or hurting the other person's conscience.

We come to Bible school to learn more about God and His Word. To grow together spiritually and grow in our relationship with God. This should help us to become successful workers in our homes, churches and schools. In the end each student should Receive, Revive and Return.

We invite everyone to the Steinreich Bible School, but would like you to know from the beginning that if you have problems with alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping you are not allowed to be a student at SBS.

The following Bible verses serve as a basis for the guidelines that follow:

- 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, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
- Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

### Residence regulations:

#### 1. Hours:

##### a) Study time

- 7:00 – 8:50 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) – There shall be no sports during this time, and everyone is to be either in their room, in the study or in the dining hall – studying. Do not disturb others. No one is allowed on campus grounds.

##### b) Evening service

- 9:00 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. is planned for evening service, snack, visiting etc.

- All part time students who attend an evening class are allowed to stay for the evening service, but must respect the school's schedule.

- At 10:15 pm the lights are turned off in the kitchen, and everyone goes into his/her room.

- Students are to be in their rooms and quiet by 10:45 p.m.

##### c) Weekends

- Weekends are from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

- Leaving for the weekend has to be arranged with the house-parents. If it is a regular place you go to, it can be done at the beginning of the school year.

- On weekends, all students are to be in their residence by 11:00 p.m.

d) Off-campus students

- Full-time students attending the first class in the morning (9:15 am) are expected to arrive shortly before 8:50 am and attend the morning chapel before classes begin.

2. The school enjoys visits from parents, siblings and friends; however, the designated class and study times must be respected (the student is not excused from anything the program expects from him/her).

3. If the students need to leave the school property for any reason, they must first obtain permission from the house-parents. The only exception is walking to the store. If the house-parents do not consider the reason valid, they are required to forbid the students to leave.

4. Your music is never to disturb any person (be considerate in your vehicle as well). Music listened to is to be wholesome and supporting Christian values. If roommates do not appreciate your kind of music, wear earphones. Earphones are only permitted to be worn in the study room, dorm or when going for a walk. Failing that, your music device will be confiscated until the end of the school year.

5. The school does not tolerate drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping. If you use any of these substances, action will be taken immediately. If anything suspicious happens, then your house-parents have the right to search your room and belongings at any time. If you've had anything to do with drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping during the weekend, living on campus will be prohibited to you.

6. It is not permitted under any circumstances for boys to enter the girls' dorm or girls to enter the boys' dorm, even before or after the school year.

7. The school only has single beds, except in the residences of married students, therefore it is expected that only one person occupies a bed at any time.

8. Pajamas and other nightclothes are to be worn only in the bedrooms. They are not acceptable garments for meals or lounging in mixed groups.

9. Students are to do their own laundry, girls in the girls' dorm and boys in the boys' dorm. Everyone should leave the laundry room clean after using it. The school offers detergent for laundry, but please respect the use of it. (appropriate quantities, etc.).

10. Respect designated parking areas.

### **Dress code:**

As Christians we witness by word, walk, as well as by how we dress. Students are asked to dress appropriately and sensitively for the various occasions. While we realize that this does not determine our salvation, we want to be a blessing to the communities that surround Bible School by following Paul's advice in Romans 14. The following are some expectations during the SBS school year:

1. Men are to dress neatly and are asked not to wear frayed pants, tank tops (muscle shirts) and shorts. Sweats are only allowed to be worn during exercise. Dress clothes (not jeans and t-shirts) are to be worn when bringing programs or for special occasions such as graduation. Boys are not to wear caps at meals, classes, morning and evening devotions. Earrings or any other piercings for men are unacceptable and are not to be worn. Men's hair is to be kept neat and formal (including beards).

2. Women are to dress modestly and in such a way as not to attract attention to their bodies. Blouses and t-shirts should cover the midriff. Women are also asked not to wear shorts or sleeveless blouses/tops. Clothing should not be too tight or see-through. Skirts should cover the knees when sitting. If make-up or jewelry is being used it should be neat and not excessive. In no case are piercings (except neat ear-rings) permitted.
3. During the school year it is not permitted that anyone, male or female, get any piercings, unnatural (strange) hair colorings or cuts.
4. For programs and special events, such as graduation, men are to wear black dress pants and a white dress shirt, while women are to wear floor-length black skirts and a white blouse with sleeves.
5. Since we are an Anabaptist school, it is not allowed to wear camouflage clothing during the school year.
6. Shoes or slippers are to be worn when you leave your room.

### **Kitchen and dining room guidelines:**

1. Only authorized persons may enter the kitchen and pantry. Students are not to go and help themselves to food, or to make themselves something to eat. This includes groups such as the student committee, singing groups or others. No one is permitted kitchen access without prior arrangement with the head cook.
2. Any staff or students coming for a meal when the food has been cleaned up forfeit that meal, unless prior arrangements have been made.
3. When students or staff plan to be absent for a meal (fast, be away, go out to eat), they have to let the cooks know beforehand.
4. Mealtimes:
  - Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
  - Lunch 12:00 p.m.
  - Supper 5:30 p.m.
5. Organizing and dividing the responsibilities in the dining hall and school building is done by the administrative office. It is expected that students will fulfill their tasks responsibly. If someone cannot do his/her chore, that student is responsible to find a suitable replacement.

### **Guides for opposite gender relationships:**

1. Students who are in a relationship when they arrive at school or start a relationship at the school must fill out a "Permission form for couples" and obtain the signatures and permission of the school director and house-parents before they can have dates (spend time as a couple).
2. First year students however, do not have permission to have dates for the first two months of the school year. During the third month they may have dates, if the above rules are followed.
3. 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.
4. Christian service assignments such as going out with the choir, singing groups or speaking appointments, are

not to be used as an opportunity for dating. We ask students, whether they are a couple or not, to act as independent members of the group. Such students are asked to mix with others, whether at the place of service or when travelling back and forth. Two reasons for this guideline are:

a) By pairing off you are isolating yourself from effectively mingling with the rest of the group. The other members of the group give couples room, even if they don't agree with such behavior. Group activities are not the time to focus your attention on just one friend.

b) When we are out on service assignments, we represent the school. Many people do not appreciate couples being visible on such occasions. Pairing off on such occasions also distracts the couples from concentrating on the ministry that they are doing and it gives the impression that the focus of the school is producing couples.

### **Guidelines for married couples and parents with children:**

1. All guidelines for the students of SBS apply to you as well.

2. If the whole family is leaving, please inform the house parents of your absence.

3. Children

a) Children are the responsibility of their parents.

b) If both of the parents are occupied, the parents need to find someone to watch over their children.

c) It is expected that parents with children decide for themselves with how many years their children may attend the evening service. If children participate, they should keep quiet.

d) Children, who don't attend the Bible school, are also required to follow all SBS guidelines.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

1. In order for students to graduate, they must fulfil the following requirements.

a) Have acceptably completed the prescribed number of academic hours.

b) Present a short morning devotion and an evening service during the graduating year.

c) Have an exit interview with the director and a teacher.

d) In order to graduate from Steinreich Bibleschool you must be committed as a Christian and have a good witness among students and friends (Rom. 10:9-10; 12:1-2; Eph. 2:8-10) Your character and attitude will be honestly evaluated before you are allowed to graduate.

2. Graduation Banquet:

a) The school administration reserves the right to invite guests such as board members, parents of graduates and other dignitaries.

b) The number of people invited must be registered in time so that adequate food can be prepared.

c) Non-graduates are required to help the planning committee in the preparation and cleaning up of the banquet.

d) The banquet is a school family affair, not a dating occasion. Therefore, students will not be permitted to bring escorts except their spouse or engaged partner.

\* Note that only three warnings are given if any of these guidelines are being abused. After the third warning, the director together with the SBS Committee will decide if you must leave, or whether you still have another chance.