



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3344-94-05 Code of conduct for authorized adults.

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(A) If a program participant discloses any type of assault or abuse (at any time previous to, during or after the program), or an authorized adult has reason to believe that the participant has been subject to such assault or abuse, the authorized adult, as a mandatory reporter, shall immediately call 911 or Cleveland state university police. For instances of child sexual assault or abuse, the authorized adult shall immediately call 911 or Cleveland state university police. Further instructions for addressing child sexual abuse or assault are located in rule 3344-95-01 of the Administrative Code (child protection and reporting of child abuse policy).

(B) Authorized adults shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of minors participating in programs and activities covered by this rule, including removal of minors from dangerous or potentially dangerous situations, irrespective of any other limitation or requirement.

(C) If an allegation of inappropriate conduct has been made against an authorized adult participating in a program, the adult against whom the allegation is made shall discontinue any further participation in programs and activities covered by this rule until such allegation has been satisfactorily resolved. The authorized adult may be required to leave university premises pending resolution of the matter.

(D) Authorized adults shall behave professionally and maintain the highest standards of personal behavior at all times. Authorized adults participating in programs and activities covered by this rule shall not:

(1) Have one-on-one contact with minors: there must be two or more authorized adults present during activities where minors are present. Authorized adults shall not have any direct electronic contact, including social media, with minors without another authorized adult being included in the communication. Authorized adults should be aware of situations in which actions can be misconstrued or manipulated by others (for example, being alone with the last child to leave a class). Conduct all dealings with children in a public environment as much as possible, in order that all



behavior can be readily observed.

(2) Enter a minor's room, bathroom facility, changing area, shower area or similar area without another authorized adult in attendance, consistent with the policy of not having one-on-one contact with minors. Never spend time alone with a child away from others. Minors should use a "buddy system" or otherwise be encouraged to stay together when going to the bathroom, on field trips, or when leaving the academic facility.

(3) Share sleeping quarters with minors. Separate accommodations for adults and minors are required other than the minors parents or guardians. Minors should be placed in accommodations that allow for a locked door between themselves and program staff. Program staff shall not enter the sleeping quarters of a minor without another authorized adult present.

(4) Engage in abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a minor.

(5) Strike, hit, administer corporal punishment to, or touch in an inappropriate or illegal manner any minor.

(6) Engage in rough or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.

(7) Allow any inappropriate touching, including between children.

(8) Use or respond to sexual innuendo or make sexually suggestive comments.

(9) Pick up minors from or drop off minors at their homes, other than the driver's child(ren), except as specifically authorized in writing by the minor's parent or legal guardian. Two authorized adults should be in a vehicle with a minor, if transportation is needed.

(10) Neither use nor provide alcohol or drugs to any minor. Authorized adults shall not use nor provide prescription drugs or any medication to any minor unless specifically authorized in writing by the parent or legal guardian as being required for the minors care or the minor's emergency treatment. Program staff, following the conditions outlined in this rule, may distribute participants medicines.



(11) Make sexual material in any form, including printed and electronic, available to minors participating in programs or activities covered by this rule or assist them in any way in gaining access to such materials.

(12) Share a bed or sleeping bag with a minor.

(13) Shower, bathe, or undress with or in the presence of minors.

(14) Favor one child more than another; do not give gifts to any one child in a program; do not accept expensive gifts from any child in the program.

(15) Tell children "this is just between the two of us" or use similar language that encourages children to keep secrets from their parent or guardians

(16) Have contact outside of the program with any minor in the program.

(17) Photograph any minor participant for any purpose, except for CSU use if a release for such use has been executed by the minors parent or guardian.