



# 2025 YOUTH CONFERENCE STUDENT GUIDELINES AGREEMENT “THE MOMENTUM WAY”

**We do not make the guidelines a focal point of the week at Momentum Youth Conference. You will not hear us make a major issue of rules from the platform during sessions. Momentum realizes that families and local church youth ministries have varying levels of practices, guidelines, and policies. However, for the duration of the conference, we expect everyone to be on the same page with the following practices, guidelines, and policies, called “The Momentum Way.”**

## RESPECT

All participants of Momentum Youth Conference are expected to show appropriate respect toward their peers, youth workers, Momentum staff, university staff, and the property of the university. We also ask that students respect the property and personal space of other students.

## MAIN SESSION PRAISE PIT

**The Pit is a dedicated space for students to engage in high-energy worship by jumping (straight up and down), dancing and celebrating together. However, to maintain a safe and uplifting environment, it's essential that we work together to ensure order and respect for one another.**

- For the protection of students and the university, there is to be no standing on furniture, sitting on shoulders, or body surfing.
- All students and leaders must follow the guidelines below. Failure to do so may result in individuals or the entire group losing their privilege of using “The Pit”
- Students should calmly walk to the designated area, no running or rushing the stage.
- Nothing should be thrown onto the stage or at anyone on the stage.
- Youth leaders or adult workers must accompany their students to The Pit to actively monitor their behavior
- Pushing, shoving or any form of unwanted/inappropriate touching is not permitted.
- If you witness behavior that could endanger students, take action by addressing it or removing students from the situation.
- If The Pit becomes unsafe due to lack of cooperation, the privilege to use it will be revoked for the remainder of the week.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required at all Main Sessions and Power Tracks. If a student needs to leave the Main Session building for any reason, a youth worker of the same gender is required to accompany them.

## DORM HOUSING

- Guys and girls are not allowed in each other's dorms at any time. This includes the lobby area of a dorm.
- Evening curfew is 11:30 p.m. (Exception: if a youth group breakout session goes past 11:30 p.m., then male youth workers must walk with their male students and female youth workers with their female students directly back to their respective dorms.)
- Quiet time/lights out is 1:00 a.m., at which time everyone should be in their own hallway (preferably in their own room).
  - The lobby will remain open only to youth leaders needing to meet with a student.
- University cameras in the dorm lobby and alarms on back doors will be activated during the week.

## Dorm Furniture:

When checking out at the end of the week, all dorm furniture (including mattresses) must be returned to its original setup, as it was when you checked in. Otherwise, the university may apply extra charges that will be passed on to your church.

## Lost Key Policy:

There is a lost key fee charged by the university for any keys not turned in by Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Check-Out. If your key is missing during the week, check the Lost and Found in the Momentum Youth Conference Office.

- Lost key: \$50 per key
- Lost key tag: \$5 per tag

## PROHIBITED

**The following items are prohibited at Momentum Youth Conference:**

- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Vaping
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Pornography
- Gambling
- Weapons of any kind

## University Restrictions:

- Candles, oil lamps, or open flames of any kind
- Glitter, confetti, or other similar items
- Drones

**Water fighting or practical jokes** using water or any other liquid in university buildings is prohibited.

**Excessive housekeeping charges** may be incurred for the cleanup of these items.

## DAMAGES

You are financially responsible for any property damage.

Any pre-existing damage in your room upon arrival must be reported on a **Room Condition Report** and turned in to your youth worker **on the first day**, so that you are not billed at the end of the week.

- Removing a window screen results in a **\$100 charge** to replace it.
- Intentionally overloading an elevator will result in it being shut down for the remainder of the week. **Any related maintenance costs will become the responsibility of those involved.**

## GOING OFF CAMPUS

- Students are expected to stay within the **campus boundaries**, as outlined in the **Momentum Magazine** campus map.
  - **Note:** This includes walking across the street to the gas station adjacent to campus.
- All vehicles must be registered with an **IWU/Momentum parking pass**.
- Student vehicles must remain parked for the entire week.
- If any adult takes a student off campus for anything **not related to Momentum Community Ministry**, the outing **is not covered by any insurance** through Momentum Youth Conference or Momentum Ministry Partners. It must be covered by the individual's home church or liability insurance.
- **No students are permitted to leave campus after the 11:30 p.m. curfew time**, including riding in a vehicle with a youth leader.

## **ATTIRE**

### **Shirts and Tops**

- All shirts must have straps or sleeves (no tube tops or off-the-shoulder tops).
- No cut-off shirts or tops.
- Sports bras are not allowed in place of shirts for any activity or daily wear.
- All shirts must be long enough to touch the top of pants/shorts when arms are at rest by the side.

### **Bottoms (Shorts/Pants)**

- Shorts and pants must fully cover the buttocks at all times, whether standing or sitting.
- The minimum inseam for shorts is mid-thigh.
- No cut-off shorts or pants that expose undergarments or excessive skin.
- Offensive or Inappropriate Apparel.
- No clothing with offensive words, slogans, images, or innuendos.
- Clothing may not display brands or logos that promote illegal substances (e.g., alcohol, drugs, etc.).

### **Swimwear**

#### ***Girls:***

- Swimsuits must fully cover the torso and have a straight-across seam over the chest.
- A one-piece swimsuit is preferred, but a two-piece is allowed if it meets the same coverage standard.

#### ***Boys:***

- Swim trunks are required. Speedos or athletic shorts are not permitted as swimwear.
- To and From the Pool.
- All participants must walk to and from the pool fully clothed in a t-shirt and shorts or swim trunks.
- Swim cover-ups must not be see-through or mesh. (Girls may wear a swim dress or appropriate cover-up.)

### **Athletic Apparel**

All athletic wear (including shirts, shorts, and pants) must adhere to the same guidelines as the general dress code, including appropriate coverage and inseam length.

#### ***Boys:***

Shirts must be worn at all times outside the dorm.