

27 July 2022

Dear parents,

We hope that you have enjoyed your summer vacation.

Our goal at Gateway Community Church is to introduce people of all ages and backgrounds to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, see them come to faith in him, and disciple them in the context of our local church. We've designed Axis Students to meet these goals for middle and high school students. We do not require church membership or personal faith in Jesus to attend Axis services and events. And we are happy to have your students attend Axis and engage with other students and leaders in a fun, safe, and social environment. Axis is a wonderful place to learn basic and advanced truths about Jesus, Christian teaching, and the church. But we have expectations for the individual behavior of all attending students, and we are committed to enforcing these standards and expectations as we minister during this school year.

Your children's attendance at Axis this year will depend on their consistent adherence to a set of expectations. Failure to meet these expectations will result in an inability to attend on Wednesday nights (or join in other Axis activities) for a specific period, beginning with two weeks and escalating from there, up to and including suspension during the entire school year. Additionally, time off will be at the sole discretion of our Axis leadership. Please see the attached **2022 Axis Students Behavior Contract**. **Every student who attends must date and sign this contract personally, have it signed by his or her legal guardian, and return it to Gateway before attending any Axis service or event when they resume this August.**

While this contract differs from what we've done in years past, we believe it will benefit our group and help ensure a great year of ministry. We will provide hard copies of the contract at the Guest Services Counter and a digital copy on our church website on our Axis Students Page ([www.g8way.cc/axis](http://www.g8way.cc/axis)).

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know. You can always reach me at [adam@g8way.cc](mailto:adam@g8way.cc).

May God bless you, and we look forward to a great year of ministry with your middle and high school students.

Pastor Adam

## 2022-'23 Axis Students Behavior Contract; Gateway Community Church

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that attending Axis Students is a privilege, not a right. Signing below indicates that I understand this privilege and the expectations for those who attend Axis services and events.

I understand that I will be held accountable for my behavior and that failure to comply with the following standards may result, with or without a verbal or written warning, in my inability to attend Axis for a time as solely determined by Axis leadership.

All Axis attendees must check in upon arrival at the Guest Services Counter. Once checked in, Axis students cannot leave campus before the end of Axis without being checked out by a parent or legal guardian.

Electronic devices (including phones, tablets, smartwatches, earbuds, headphones, etc.) are not permitted anywhere on campus during Axis. These times include announcements, challenge times, game times, worship times, message/video times, and small group times (everything between Axis' beginning at 6:30 and dismissal at 8:15). Parents may reach (or relay messages to their children) by phone by calling the main church number.\*

Indoor and outdoor game times are reserved for specific activities. While no Axis Student is required to participate in game times, non-participating students must sit with a leader without electronic devices (see above) during game time.

Hoods and hats are not permitted indoors.

Worship and message/video times are places for respectful listening and engagement. Disrespectful and disruptive behavior toward leaders or fellow students that hinders others from listening and engaging will not be tolerated.

Consistently leaving (except for *rare* medical emergencies) the auditorium during worship and message/videos or small group meetings will not be tolerated.

Small group times are places for respectful questions and discussion. Disrespectful and disruptive behavior toward leaders or fellow students during group time will not be tolerated.

Failure to comply with a directive or command from an Axis leader (including arguing or talking back to that leader) will not be tolerated.

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**Student's Name**

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**Student's Signature**

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**Parent/Legal Guardian's Name**

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**Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature**

\* If you need to reach your child by phone, please call the church telephone at 919.242.2077. One of our volunteers will answer, and either get (or relay a message to) your child.