

School Life

Attitude and Behavior

The faculty, staff, and students at ETS come from different cultural and family backgrounds. Consequently, everyone is expected to exercise reasonable tolerance toward others and show courtesy, respect, and good manners in all relationships. Only by exercising an attitude of openness, honesty, and mutual acceptance can our whole school community live together in a Christian atmosphere in which everyone is interested in the welfare of the other. All students are required to meet the following principles:

1. Live according to the Scriptural principles and the practical commitments of the Church of God International General Assembly Minutes. All doctrinal and practical commitments of the Church of God can be viewed and read under the “Beliefs” section found on the Church of God website at www.churchofgod.org.
2. Be an example in relationships, in fellowship with other students, and in the church as a whole.
3. Uphold spiritual priorities as persons called by God for ministry and respect the cultural differences of our brothers and sisters.
4. Help one another in times of difficulty and accept help in times of need.

Appearance

Students are expected to dress neatly and tidily both inside and outside of school and to maintain an appearance that reflects Christian modesty and respect. Appropriate attire is expected at public school events and on occasions when the school is represented.

Casual clothing, such as sweatpants and slippers, is not permitted in class or at chapel services and devotions. Students should not wear clothes that expose too much skin or that are tight-fitting.

Relationship Between Members of the Opposite Sex

Students are expected to abide by the following regulations:

1. Share time with different students and not always with the same person. This includes meal times and devotions.
2. Refrain from entering the rooms or dormitory areas of the opposite sex at all times.
3. Fellowship in groups rather than alone as a couple.
4. Refrain from any intimate behavior and physical contact with members of the opposite sex.
5. Any time spent with the opposite sex outside of the time window of 7 a.m.–10 p.m. should always be in a group setting.
6. If two people would like to begin a dating relationship, they should first discuss the matter with a trusted spiritual leader or mentor.
7. New students are not to begin a dating relationship during their first year.

Relationship Between Persons Who Anticipate Engagement or Marriage

Students are expected to abide by the following commitments:

1. Accept personal counselling and the above-mentioned guidelines in the development of the relationship and examine the relationship in prayer and fasting.
2. Give themselves primarily to their training for spiritual ministry.
3. Conduct themselves responsibly as a couple, including sexual abstinence before the legal and religious marriage ceremonies.
4. Make no plans to marry during the course of the school year, except during summer/winter vacations.

ID-Cards

Student ID cards are available from the school office to students who provide their own photographs and pay a small fee. Students may find these ID cards useful for many services which offer discounted rates, such as travel, concerts, and museums.

Insurance

All students, German and non-German, are legally required to enroll in a health insurance program and to present written proof to the school. For any trips outside Germany, students must clear their insurance status beforehand. In some cases, travel insurance is recommended.

While enrolled at ETS all students are insured against accidents during official school activities. Accidents of any kind must therefore be reported promptly to the school office.

All students must have personal liability insurance.

Non-German Students

The office of the school provides information about visas, passports, work permits, and driver's licenses for non-German students. However, it is the student's responsibility to secure and maintain these papers according to legal requirements. Failure to keep these regulations may lead to a fine or expulsion from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Residence Registration

Each new student is required to personally report to the Einwohnermeldeamt (registration office) in Freudenstadt within the first week. This is usually done as part of the orientation week.

Alternatively, the registration forms can be obtained from the school office. Non-German students must also report to the Ausländeramt (immigration office) in Freudenstadt. The student must also bring proof of health insurance (see above) as well as a down payment for the costs of tuition and board. The student must also deregister at the Einwohnermeldeamt at the end of his/her residential studies, close his/her local bank account, and have his/her mail redirected.

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