

# School Life

## Appearance

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is clean, neat, and modest, whether inside or outside school. Appropriate attire is required for all school events to which the public is invited and for all occasions when the student is representing the school.

## 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](http://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.

## Dress-Code

The appearance of students while on campus is expected to reflect Christian modesty and respect. Additionally, students are expected, while in chapel services, to wear appropriate clothing (no athletic wear).

In keeping with a standard of Christian modesty, female students are asked to observe guidelines such as:

- All clothing must be modest in style. Clothes that are extremely tight-fitting tops with low necklines, or that allow midriff exposure is not appropriate in public.

- The length of dresses, skirts and shorts should be no shorter than approximately a hand's width above the top of the knee.
- Tank tops, cropped tops, and tops that show undergarments or come off the shoulder are not appropriate.

Male students are asked to groom themselves in a clean manner appropriate to the school context.

- Inappropriately tight-fitting sweatpants and shorts should not be worn.

## ID-Cards

Student ID cards are available from the school office to students who provide their own photographs and pay a small fee. Students 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.

## Relationship Between Members of the Opposite Sex

Students are expected to abide by the following regulations:

1. Share time with other students and not always with the same person. This includes meal times and devotions.
2. Refrain at all times from entering the rooms or dormitory areas of the opposite sex.
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 these hours (7:00–23:00) should 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 semester.

## Relationship Between Persons Who Anticipate Engagement or Marriage

Students are expected to abide by the following commitments:

1. Welcome and accept personal counseling and the 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. Continue to be subject to the guidelines related to relationships between members of the opposite sex.
4. Conduct themselves responsibly as a couple, including sexual abstinence before the legal and religious marriage ceremonies.
5. Make no plans to marry during the course of the school year, except during summer/winter vacations.

## Residence Registration

Each new student is required to personally report to the Einwohnermeldeamt (registration office) in Freudenstadt within the first week. 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 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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