



**NIPAWIN BIBLE COLLEGE**  
**COMMUNITY STANDARDS COMMITMENT FORM**  
**2023-2024 College Year**

Accountable to:

NBC Campus Community  
NBC Board of Directors  
NBC President  
NBC Dean of Student Life

**My Commitment to the Community Standards of Nipawin Bible College**

The mission of NBC is to give students ample opportunity to develop their spiritual character and giftedness, ministry skills, and overall effectiveness for serving Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through formal and informal instruction, personal engagement of spiritual disciplines, ministry experiences, and involvement in community life.

In order to accomplish this mission, members of the NBC community need to engage in an unhindered pursuit of personal growth in knowledge, character and action. Consequently, NBC strives to maintain a distinctly Christian environment.

Membership in the NBC community is obtained through application and invitation. Those who accept an invitation to join the community agree to uphold its standards of conduct. In return, they gain the privilege of enjoying the benefits of community membership and participate in working towards the best interests of the whole community.

Compliance with these standards is simply one aspect of a larger commitment by students, staff, and faculty. This commitment is to live together as responsible citizens, to pursue biblical holiness, and to follow an ethic of mutual support, Christian love in relationships, and to serve the best interests of each other and the entire community.

Individuals who are invited to become members of this community, but cannot with integrity pledge the application of these standards are advised not to accept the invitation and to seek instead a setting that is more acceptable to them.

**Core Values and Community Standards**

The Student Handbook reflects the core values that help preserve the distinctly Christian character of the NBC community. These core values include:

- Believing in the inspiration and authority of the Bible means members of the community voluntarily submit to its teaching.
- The pursuit of personal holiness means members of the community strive to live distinctly Christian lives.
- Realizing our partnership in the Campus Community means members of the community place the welfare of the other members as more important than their personal preferences.

These core values become principles of Christian conduct that all members of the NBC community are expected to follow. The standards that result from these principles are intended to reflect a preferred lifestyle for those who belong to this community, rather than “campus rules.” They apply both on and off campus. All members of the community are responsible to:

- Conduct themselves as responsible citizens.
- Engage in an honest pursuit of biblical holiness.
- Make the goals of the College their own goals.
- Limit the exercise of their Christian liberty in accordance with the best interests of the other members of the community and the goals of NBC.

It is recognized that not every student will have personal convictions that are wholly in accord with the following applications of NBC standards. However, all students are responsible to:

- **Obey the law and conduct themselves as responsible citizens who contribute to the welfare of the greater community.** Among other things this precludes the use of drugs for non-medical purposes and conduct that disrupts classes or the general operation of the College. This also includes demonstrating respect for the property of others and of the College.
- **Obey Jesus' commandment to His disciples echoed by the Apostle Paul to love one another.** In general this involves showing respect for all people regardless of race or gender and regard for human life at all stages. It includes making a habit of building up and encouraging others, showing compassion, demonstrating unselfishness, and displaying patience.
- **Refrain from practices that are biblically condemned.** These include (but are not limited to): drunkenness, swearing or use of profane language, harassment, racism, all forms of dishonesty (including cheating and stealing), abortion, involvement in the occult, and sexual sins (including premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behavior, viewing of pornographic/sexually explicit material). Furthermore, married members of the community agree to maintain the sanctity of their marriage and to take every possible step to avoid divorce.
- **Utilize careful judgment in the exercise of personal freedom.** This entails the responsible use of time and material resources, and the honest pursuit of knowledge including regular attendance at classes, chapel services, and College events. It also requires that members of the community abstain from the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco in any form, marijuana or other forms of substance abuse, all forms of gambling, and that members of the community maintain modest, inoffensive behavior in personal relationships. Co-ed living arrangements are not acceptable for unmarried NBC students. Furthermore because many contemporary forms of amusement are of questionable value or diminish one's moral sensitivities, members of the NBC community are to use discernment in their choice of entertainment (including movies, videos, computer games, live productions, and dancing). Social dance is not permissible on campus. Additionally, while part of the NBC community a student shall not attend clubs, bars, or groups where alcohol is liberally consumed, discretion in the choice of music is not exercised, and the overall atmosphere is saturated with or focused on behavior and attitudes that do not line up with biblical living.

This application of the community standards of NBC is not offered as a legalistic definition of right and wrong. *Rather, it provides concrete examples of a commitment to the mission of Nipawin Bible College and a commitment to the fellow members of this Christian community.* Scripture may not command the specifics of these expectations, but nonetheless, they are desirable and necessary if all the members of this community are to have freedom to achieve their personal goals in their Christian life. Consequently, all students are required to commit themselves to follow this application of the community standards and maintain the integrity of this commitment.

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I have read the Community Standards and the Student Handbook, and I agree to abide by these responsibilities of membership in the campus community of NBC.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

