

## Student Honor

Student Honor is following the path of discipleship and learning to be more like Christ—learning to think, to feel, and to act more as He does.

*Living a life of honor:*

- Begins as we learn and live the baseline standards of the Honor Code, understand their purposes, and are true to the promises we have made.
- Continues as we heed promptings of the Spirit to raise our personal bar of righteousness and foster a spirit of integrity, sacrifice, consecration, love, service, and willing obedience as students and throughout our lives.
- Prepares our hearts for devoted discipleship in the family, church, work, and community.

## CHURCH EDUCATION SYSTEM HONOR CODE

Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Brigham Young University–Idaho, and LDS Business College exist to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body at BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDS Business College are selected and retained from among individuals who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such is a specific condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct. All who represent BYU–Idaho are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment to the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing class enrollment, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees “at all times ... and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9).

### HONOR CODE STATEMENT

“We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men .... If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.” *Thirteenth Article of Faith*

As a matter of personal commitment, faculty, staff, and students of BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDS Business College seek to demonstrate in daily living on- and off- campus those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee and substance abuse
- Participate regularly in church services
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code

Specific policies embodied in the Honor Code include: (1) the Academic Honesty Policy, (2) the Dress and Grooming Standards, (3) the Residential Living Standards, and (4) the Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement Requirement.

## President Kim B. Clark stated:

It is true that flip-flops and an unshaven face are not big things. But it is just like the stories of pride and greed in the Book of Mormon; failure to do the small things can, in a short period of time, lead to failure on the big things. The principle is so very clear; obedience to the small things creates a spirit of obedience in all things, and thus protects against evil and invites the blessings of heaven. Following the rules about the small things establishes a great spirit of obedience on the campus. It creates a context of respect for learning and for the university that encourages a spirit of order and reverence. In that context of obedience and reverence and order, the Holy Ghost can minister on this campus. These blessings come to you individually and to us as a community.

## Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement

The Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University–Idaho requires that every student attending BYU–Idaho have an annual ecclesiastical endorsement from the bishop of the ward in which they reside. The endorsement “fosters communication between students and ecclesiastical leaders. It gives bishops an opportunity to review a student’s understanding of and commitment to the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards.”

## BYU–Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

The following supplemental information is provided to give students, staff, faculty, and administrators’ general guidelines in determining appropriate from inappropriate attire and grooming. Because of the constant change in dress and grooming styles, some trends, fads, or fashions common in the world may be determined inappropriate. The Dean of Students, after consulting with his/her staff and the President’s Council, reserves the right to determine that a specific style or fad is inappropriate and thereby unacceptable at BYU–Idaho.

Clothing is to be modest in fabric, fit, length, style, and appropriate for the occasion. Men’s and women’s dress should be reflective of their gender, and excessive or extreme styles should be avoided. For women, wardrobe selection should reflect modesty and femininity becoming a Latter-day Saint woman. For men, clothing should reflect good taste and masculinity becoming to a priesthood bearer.

## Dress and Grooming Standards

### Women

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained at all times.

Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing; has slits above the knee, or is formfitting. Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer. Pants, slacks or jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no capris or shorts may be worn on campus. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and unnatural colors. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Excessive ear piercing (more than one pair) and all other body piercing are inappropriate. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.

### Men

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained.

Pants, slacks, jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no shorts. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are unacceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.