



Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council

Code of Conduct Addendum

The Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council (AMYC) is committed to fostering a positive and productive environment for its members. This Code of Conduct Addendum outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and standards of behavior for all participants. Adherence to this code is essential for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the AMYC.

Core Values

The AMYC operates on the following core values:

Integrity: Uphold honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct in all actions.

Respect: Treat all individuals with courtesy, consideration, and dignity, valuing diverse perspectives.

Leadership: Lead by example, demonstrate initiative, responsibility, and commitment to positive change.

Civic Responsibility: Engage actively in the community, contributing through service and participation.

General Expectations

- Members will treat fellow council members, city officials, staff, and the public with courtesy and respect at all times.
- Members will demonstrate honesty, integrity, and accountability in all interactions, both in person and online.
- Members will refrain from any behavior—verbal, physical, or digital—that reflects poorly on the Council or the City of Abbeville.
- Members will uphold the ideals of equity and inclusion and will not engage in harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any kind.

Attendance and Participation

Regular attendance and active participation are crucial to the success of the AMYC.

Members are expected to:

- Members are required to participate in a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of all scheduled AMYC meetings, events, and activities each program year.
- This includes, at minimum, attendance at monthly Youth Council meetings, at least one Abbeville City Council meeting, and participation in city sponsored events.
- Members must notify the Youth Council Coordinator in advance if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting or event.
- Excessive unexcused absences or failure to meet the participation threshold may result in removal from the Council at the discretion of the Mayor and Youth Council leadership.

Unacceptable Conduct

The following conduct is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated:

- Participation in harassment, intimidation, bullying, or exclusion.
- Disrespect toward city leaders, staff, or fellow members.
- Violation of any local, state, or federal law, or member's school policy, including suspension or expulsion from school.

Accountability and Consequences

Violations of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Youth Council Coordinator. The severity of the consequences will depend on the nature of the violation and may involve:

- A required meeting with the Mayor or advisor.
- Dismissal from the Youth Council for serious or repeated violations.

Acknowledgment of Commitment

By participating in the Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct Addendum. I understand that my behavior is a reflection of the Council and the City of Abbeville, and I commit to upholding the standards set forth.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____