

First Priority's LEGAL Do's & Do Nots of Campus Ministry



First Priority makes a commitment to our local school systems that all First Priority Campus Clubs will adhere to the rules and regulations of “non-curriculum secondary school clubs”.

The following guidelines are for adults involved with First Priority that we have gleaned from research and experience. You must adhere to these principles as you serve students:

- **Do** meet with student leadership at least once a month to plan each HOPE cycle.
- **Do** make sure the student leadership team is well trained and prepared to lead.
- **Do** encourage Faculty Sponsors to confirm all Campus Coaches have been trained and screened by First Priority.
- **Do** sign in at the front office each time you visit campus.
- **Do** wear some form of I.D. on your person. Examples: front office visitors' badge, First Priority attire, volunteer badge.
- **Do** dress in a manner that is respectful to the administration of the campus.
- **Do** thank the administration regularly for allowing you to come in on “equal access.”
- **Do** make sure that a Faculty Sponsor is present for every meeting, including planning.
- **Do** be gracious to other clubs and campus ministries at the school.
- **Do** make sure to be a servant on the campus and don't expect others to serve you.
- **Do** make sure you are living your life with the light of the gospel of Christ.
- **Do** attend First Priority training, submit your background check, & supply a letter of reference from your church to First Priority.

- **Do not** allow adults to participate in mass distribution of fliers or any other printed material.
- **Do not** allow students to do any mass distribution of anything without requesting permission from the administration.
- **Do not** allow adults to operate the meeting. Students should be praying, opening/closing, speaking, etc. You are allowed to participate when publically asked by a student; but not on a regular basis. (according to the Equal Access Act)
- **Do not** allow students to miss class time.
- **Do not** take any students off campus (Example: Give them a ride home) without prior, written permission from parents/guardians.
- **Do not** be alone with a student anywhere, anytime.
- **Do not** lead students to believe you are a professional counselor. Begin your advice with, ” I am not a professional counselor, but my opinion is . . . ”
- **Do not** take students' personal information with you when you leave campus.