

**TDA Culture and Opposite Gender Relationships**  
**(to be signed upon acceptance by parent and JH/ HS students)**

Relationships amongst the students at TDA are integral to our vision and focus. We desire that our students draw spiritual encouragement, strength, and camaraderie from one another in a place where students can live with wholehearted focus on the Lord.

Therefore, as a school, we reject the cultural standard of dating for its over emphasis on physical appearance, the propensity to put young people in emotional situations that they are not yet capable of managing, and the removal of parental involvement in life choices. We want our students to experience a broad range of friendships and enjoy spending time in groups, getting to know one another without the pressure of managing a relationship for which they're not yet fully capable of understanding. Due to these values, we teach a Biblical world view that emphasizes a courtship process.

Explicitly this means that during school and at any TDA-scheduled events there will be no dating expression of any kind. This is to include any physical interactions (hand holding or kissing, etc). This also includes any overt emotional interactions (time alone, on-going exclusive attention between a young man and a young lady or any conversations that are intended to facilitate dating between students). We realize that dating is an individual family's decision. TDA is only setting boundaries around the students' time in TDA scheduled activities.

Obviously any kind of unrepentant sexual impurity or parental defiance and rebellion, whether in school or out of school, will be treated with appropriate measures (which may include suspension or expulsion).