

# ACC YM

## PARTICIPATION POLICY

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### ACC POLICY:

Youth Group (Middle and High school) and College (young adult) ministries will be respectfully separate from each other as far as “formal” ministry activities are concerned. YG (youth group) students are encouraged to participate in activities sponsored by ACC for their age group and are asked not to attend any “formal” College ministry activities. Likewise college age students are encouraged to participate in activities sponsored by ACC for their age category and are asked not to attend any “formal” YG ministry activities.

- Exceptions to this policy may include College Students invited to be regular YG leaders or to help out with individual YG events or other miscellaneous needs that benefit the YG ministry. The Youth Ministry leadership team reserves the right to make these exceptions at their discretion.
- ACC characterizes YG as those students not yet graduated from high school and in grades 6th-8th for MS and 9th-12th for HS.
- ACC characterizes a College Young Adult as one who is a high school graduate and age 18-25.
- ACC sponsored ministry is characterized by those meetings, functions, events, or activities being organized and administered by their appropriate leadership, which correspond with that particular ministry’s group of people.

### REASONING

- ACC YM - MS, HS, and College young adult age groups are different in their respective life circumstances, situations, experiences, and perspectives.
- Having college students attending the YG ministry for reasons other than leadership can take away the leadership development of the YG teens. Also this will allow YG leaders to continue to focus their time and attention to the students remaining in MS and HS ministry.
- We also believe this will promote growth spiritually and emotionally for those students who are in the College young adult age.
- Most YG students are legally minors and under parental supervision as well as that of the YG leadership team. Whereas College young adults are assuming more personal responsibility and accountability. The YG leadership is responsible to parents for the care of those students attending ACC sponsored events. Legal adults who are not part of the YG leadership or do not have permission will not have access to minors under ACC supervision. (High School students who are 18+ must agree to submit to supervision provided for the YG as a whole.)
- Teens attending College young adult activities would change the dynamics of that ministry in an undesirable way. We want to provide College young adult activities that encourage and support godly “ADULT” behavior and YA activities that promote godly “TEEN” behavior.

We desire that all students who come into contact with the youth ministry at ACC see Christ in all that we do. It is our privilege as ministers to protect, feed, and watch over those within the scope of our ministry. It is to this end that we are devoting ourselves and these ministries.

The Elders of ACC along with the Youth Director are in agreement as to this youth participation policy and its impact.