



CODE OF CONDUCT – ARMENIA TRIP

During the entire trip to Armenia, participants must at all times adhere to the school rules, its code of conduct (as outlined below), and the directions of chaperones. While on this trip, participants must also comply with Canadian laws as well as the laws of the Republic of Armenia.

Code of Conduct of St. Sahag St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School:

- Students will respect chaperones and comply with school rules and regulations.
- Students will respect school and personal property.
- Students will respect and be kind to classmates.
- No physical damage to school property.

According to the above Code, please keep in mind the following expectations:

- (a) Participants are expected to show respect for those in authority.
 - (i) Students must follow instructions given by the staff and tour guides at all times during the trip.
- (b) Participants are expected to show respect for self and their peers:
 - (i) Students must participate in all scheduled activities.
 - (ii) Students must stay with the group. In small group activities, participants must be with at least three other students.
 - (iii) Students must always be on time for activities/events. Tardiness causes everyone to be delayed and may make the group miss an activity/event for which a non-refundable payment has already been processed.
- (c) Participants are expected to show respect for their own and their peers' safety and comfort:
 - (i) Students are not allowed to purchase, consume or have in their possession tobacco or alcohol at any time during the trip to Armenia, while in Armenia or to return with any of these items to Canada as souvenirs or for any other reason. Under Canadian law the participants are considered under age, hence it is illegal to consume, carry or be in possession of any of these items at any time.
 - (ii) Any student found to be intoxicated, as determined by the sole judgment and discretion of the staff, by the consumption of any drug or alcohol, even if not in possession at the time of intoxication, or in violation of the above paragraph, may be required to return to Canada at their own additional expense, without any refund or credit for previously paid airfare or accommodations.
 - (iii) Students must follow curfew and lights-out times.
 - (iv) Quiet hours between **11 PM and 7 AM** must be observed in all hotels, each night. No excessive noise is permitted.
 - (v) Students must understand that staff must be able to trust them in their own rooms when instructed to do so.
 - (vi) Students must be considerate of the other guests staying in the hotel and this should be reflected in low noise levels, at all times.
 - (vii) St. Sahag St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School is operated under the auspices of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church. In addition to the above rules, students are expected to behave in a Christian manner as respectable young people. No set of rules can cover

- (viii) each potential circumstance while on this extended trip. Therefore, any student misconduct that endangers the safety of other trip participants or of the student personally, in the sole discretion of the staff, may result in expulsion from the trip. Expulsion costs as described in section (c) paragraph (ii) above may apply.
 - (ix) Parents/guardians expressly agree that expulsion decisions are within the sole discretion of the staff.
- (d) Participants are expected to show respect for the school and for the community:
- (i) Students are viewed as ambassadors of St. Sahag St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School; thus it is expected that they behave in a manner that respects fellow students, staff, members of the public, and the environment they are in.
 - (ii) Students must preserve the quality and cleanliness of facilities they visit or reside in during their stay.
 - (iii) Any damage incurred by students will be the financial responsibility of their parents/guardians.
 - (iv) Students should approach new experiences with an open, non-judgmental mind.
- (e) Clothing should meet the following guidelines:
- (i) Clothing will not display inappropriate language or graphics.
 - (ii) Shoulders, midriffs, and undergarments must remain covered at all times.
 - (iii) Skirts and shorts must be knee length or just above the knee. Short skirts and shorts are not acceptable.
 - (iv) Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.
- (f) Personal Electronic Devices can create a disruption to the learning environment, as a result the following applies:
- (i) Cell phones are not permitted on this trip. The staff will carry local devices for students to use when the need arises.
 - (ii) Parents/guardians will be provided with a number to be able to contact their children in case of an emergency.
 - (iii) Students may carry cameras and musical electronic devices at their own risk. The use of musical electronic devices will be limited at the discretion of the staff.
 - (iv) The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

It is our hope that none of these expectations are breached by any of the participants. If however, there is a situation that arises that is deemed to be inappropriate, the staff will determine the best course of action. Serious offences will result in a parent contact and may require that the student be returned to Canada before the end of the planned trip, at the expense of the parent and as described in section (c) paragraph (ii) above.

We must be confident that participating students understand their responsibilities and will act in a mature and responsible way.

Note to those parents who are travelling to Armenia during the same period as the students:

Students are under the care of St. Sahag St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School throughout the entire duration of their travel; therefore, for the safety of all participants, parents' interaction with their child during the scheduled outings and excursions is not permitted.

We are looking forward to a positive and educationally rewarding experience for all participating students on this pilgrimage.

Please sign and return this page

I have read and understand all the expectations above and agree to the conditions outlined in this *Code of Conduct – Armenia Trip* Document, St. Sahag St. Mesrob Armenian Saturday School.

Parent/Guardian Name
(Please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name
(Please print)

Student Signature

Date