

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is dedicated to educating and training God-called servants of Jesus Christ for work in New Testament Baptist churches and their ministries. A strong Christian character and a disciplined, self-denying life are vital in local church leadership.

Philippians 1:27, *"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ..."*

1 Timothy 3:2, *"A bishop then must be blameless..."*

We train people not only to win souls to Christ, to baptize converts, and to teach them the Word of God, but also to understand the importance displaying a Christ-honoring life to their converts and other church members. The Word of God explains it this way in 1 Corinthians 11:1, *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."*

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools publishes a Student Handbook that aids and informs the students on policies relating to dormitories, activities, ministries, parking, dress code, curfew, etc. The Student Handbook can be obtained from the office of the Registrar.

### **Discipline**

Failure to observe policies or an infraction of a regulation will result in a measure of discipline stipulated as "offenses" and/or "demerits."

## **Demerits**

When a student receives demerits, he will receive a copy of his entire demerit record via email. Students are then to acknowledge receipt of demerit record within twenty-four (24) hours.

At the discretion of the Seminary, a copy of a student's demerit record will be forwarded to the parents and/or the home pastor.

Demerit accumulation ends at the end of each semester.

## **Work Fines and Suspensions**

A student may receive a work fine for excessive demerits. The appropriate dean will notify the student via email of their work fine. The student then has seven days from that notification to serve out their work fine. The schedule for the work fine must be worked out in coordination with their dean, must be supervised, and must be served during regular office hours.

If after seven days the student has not served out their work fine, the student will receive a one-day suspension from classes. During this day of suspension, the student will serve a work fine for the entire amount of time they are normally scheduled to attend class. Chapel attendance and/or dean's meetings are still required. Absences from class because of a suspension are counted as unexcused and will carry any academic penalties normally associated with unexcused absence from class.

## **Appeals Process**

If a student believes, for any reason, they have unjustly received demerits, they have the right to appeal them. Appeals are to be made according to the procedures found in the TIBS Student Handbook.