Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Code of Conduct
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Introduction

The Virginia Beach Public Library TAGs value a dynamic, interactive environment while participating in library events and activities. TAG Members are library volunteers and serve as library representatives; they are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. The library is committed to providing teens with opportunities, programs, information and materials to help them meet lifelong learning, cultural and recreational goals. Behavior that hinders this goal or creates an unsafe environment is not acceptable.

Any behavior that creates a safety risk or inconvenience to others is not acceptable. Teens whose behavior disturbs others will be asked to refrain from said conduct. If the behavior persists a verbal warning will be given; a meeting with their parent/guardian may be arranged; and/or TAG membership may be suspended.

Rules of Common Courtesy

Noise
Moderate levels of noise are acceptable. Teens whose noise level disturbs others will be asked to lower the volume.

Obscene or inappropriate language and gestures
TAG members may not use obscene or vulgar language and gestures.

Respect for Peers and Library Staff and Property
Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Disrespectful behavior includes being rude to library staff, members of the public and other TAG members. Any behavior that disrupts a TAG meeting or event is considered impolite and disrespectful.

Agreed Upon Behavior
TAG members must agree to do the following:

• Keep their hands to themselves
- Listen respectfully to others’ opinions
- Participate actively in meetings and
- Allow for an atmosphere where others can also concentrate and participate
- TAG members must respect library property
- TAG members must return meeting spaces in the condition they were found

**Procedural Timeline:**
Step 1 - Verbal warning
Step 2 - Meeting with parent/guardian
Step 3 - One month suspension from TAG activities and meetings
Step 4 - If behavioral problems persist after suspension period the TAG member will be suspended for the remainder of the year. Return to TAG is at library staff discretion.