

Chaperone/Driver Policy

Youth Nurture Commission
Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church

Two Adult/2 Child Rule

At no time should an adult chaperone or driver be alone with a youth. Each driver should have at least 2 youths in the vehicle with him/her. In the case where an adult needs to drive one child, there should be a second adult in the car.

Age Requirements for Adults/Chaperones

Adult Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and have been members of the church for at least 6 months. Individuals who are active in the church, but not members of the church may serve as chaperones if approved by the YNC and Session. Young adults age 18-21 that have graduated from high school, may serve as drivers for local trips, but may not be counted as chaperones. Local trips are considered activities taking place in the downriver area.

Chaperone to Youth Ratio

On site activities:	1:5
Local day trips (Downriver area)	1:10
Extended day trips (e.g. Cedar Point)	1:8
Overnight retreats	1:5

For all activities, there must be at least 2 adult chaperones and all attempts should be made to ensure equal numbers of male and female chaperones. The ratios above should be considered as guidelines for the minimum number of chaperones needed. Chaperones should be added, or in rare cases diminished, based on the nature of the activities being planned. The safety of the youth and the comfort of the parents should be the guiding factors in determining the number of chaperones needed for an event. If in planning an event one feels it necessary to deviate from the above guidelines, s/he should discuss this with the YNC elders in sufficient time to bring the question before the YNC if deemed necessary.