



MISSOURI STATE
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AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

Student Conduct Guidelines Conference 2019

All delegates (and their legal guardians) should read the following conduct expectations for the Missouri State Thespian Conference. When in conflict, these guidelines supersede any additional rules made by troupe directors at the conference. No delegate will be allowed to attend the conference unless they have agreed to abide by the conference conduct guidelines. Failure to follow may result in a delegate being sent home immediately at their expense and/or a troupe not being allowed to attend future MST state activities. Your required signature on the Consent Form indicates you have read and understand all the following and your agreement to adhere to all guidelines.

BADGES - Badges are required for safety/security reasons. All badges with Consent Forms must be worn by all delegates above the waist so as to be visible for all conference events/activities. Delegates who are not wearing their badge may be removed from the conference site or denied access to conference activities/events. Any adult may remove the badge of a student who is not following this code of conduct. The badge will be brought to the attention of the registration area, and brief paperwork filled out. The student's troupe director will be notified, given a copy of the paperwork, and appropriate action will be taken to correct the problem which may (again) include removal from the conference.

CLOSED CAMPUS - No delegate is allowed outside of approved conference facilities after 7pm. Troupes/delegates that are not staying at the conference hotel may not be readmitted to the conference site after leaving for the evening until 1/2 hour before the first conference event of the next day.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - No student may attend the MO State Thespian Conference without their appointed troupe director, co-sponsor, or school appointed designated sponsor. Non-registered people may not attend conference events or activities. While at the conference, delegates are expected to participate in all-conference events (ie General Sessions/Main Stage Performances). Students are not permitted to leave the conference site (hotel/convention center) without an adult school approved chaperone after curfew.

CURFEW / HOTEL - All students will be required to be in their assigned room by the curfew stated in the conference program. "Lights out" will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Students who are late to curfew are subject to disciplinary action. Mixed groups of unchaperoned male and female students behind closed doors will NOT occur under any circumstances, at any time during the conference. Opening of outside windows is prohibited. All adult sponsors will determine availability of hotel room during all conference activities throughout (all delegates must attend Main Stage performances and General Sessions) and should be made aware any time a student delegate is in their room. Any delegate who does not follow this guideline understands that Missouri State Thespians is not responsible for damages or misconduct of troupe delegates.

DRUG USE - Missouri State Thespian activities are all drug free. This includes use or possession of any tobacco products or smoking devices (including e-cigs, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery system), alcohol, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, inhalants, and unlawful use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. MST reserves the right to inspect the premises of any of our activities for these substances and devices. Students found with these items will be sent home immediately with an appropriate legal guardian and police will be notified of illegal materials (ie alcohol and illegal drugs).

LATE NIGHT ACTIVITY ETIQUETTE - Costuming for the dance theme should be appropriate and tasteful and may not include any costuming which completely obstructs the face (full masks, helmets, etc) or does not appropriately cover the body (no bare mid-ribs, tight/low cut pants/ tops). The following are prohibited and may not be brought into the late night activity space: food/drink, inappropriate use of furniture, offensive language, or any dancing that includes sexually explicit, suggestive, or dangerous movement.

LIABILITY - The host, all facilities, and the Missouri State Thespians shall not accept responsibility for the theft, loss or damage of personal effects, money or valuables.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS - Students are not allowed to bring fireworks, weapons, candles, skate or hoverboards, sports equipment, incense, drones, water pistols, toy guns/weapons or any other kind of dangerous or perceived dangerous materials to the conference.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - Delegates are not allowed to remove any item that is not their own personal belonging from the conference site/hotel. Delegates are responsible for any damages caused through their negligence and will be billed for any damage fee.

REMINDERS - Delegates are reminded to secure all personal items at all times and to be aware of their surroundings. Going off-campus should only occur during daylight hours. If delegates have medical insurance they should carry this card (or a copy of) on their person at all times throughout the conference.

THEATER ETIQUETTE - It is your job to be a good audience member. The following are prohibited: food/drink in the theater, feet on the seats, hats, improper language, vocal or physical distractions, any use of cell phones, exits/entrances into the house during a performance, flash photography or recording devices. Each troupe must sit in their assigned seats for Main Stage events. Delegates who do not follow these guidelines may have their badge pulled by an adult delegate and/or permanently removed from the house for future performances. Numerous complaints about a troupe's continued poor theatre etiquette will result in a troupe's ban from participating in future MST activities.

WORKSHOP ETIQUETTE - Being a polite and active participant in conference workshops is the responsibility of all delegates. The following are prohibited within workshop sessions: food/drink in the workshop space, inappropriate use of furniture, improper language, and distractions for the speakers/other workshop participants. The following are use/policies that are up to the workshop instructor: any use of cell phones, entrances/exits into the workshop after it has begun, photography or recording devices. Teaching/guest artists may choose to allow phone use as necessary for their workshop.

Thank you for helping keep our conference safe and fun for everyone involved. If you have questions about any of these please see your troupe director and/or conference officials.