

Sponsor and Chaperone Guidelines

Sponsors are responsible for the conduct of their students at all times. To ensure that they are properly chaperoned, sponsors must arrange to have one chaperone for every ten students and at least one of each sex. Choose chaperones carefully and make sure they agree to enforce and observe Festival Conduct for Students as outlined in the Handbook. Chaperones, and accompanists must be at least 21 years old.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

The drinking of alcoholic beverages at any time during the Festival is prohibited. The use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Tobacco products are not allowed.

CURFEW

Troupes are expected to abide by the curfews set by the State Board of Directors. Chaperones should not retire until all students have been checked in for the night. Remember that this curfew applies **NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE SPENDING THE NIGHT.**

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Students are not permitted to bring fireworks, weapons, candles, incense, water pistols, toy guns, or other kinds of dangerous or distracting materials to the Festival. Window ledges and balconies are "off limits."

RESPONSIBILITY

Persons who assume the responsibility for chaperoning a group of students on an out-of-town trip should recognize that they have assumed a twenty-four-hour a day responsibility from the time they leave until the time they return. Chaperones should not make personal plans unless they have the expressed consent of the sponsor.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Chaperones should attend a meeting at the school well in advance of departure in order to review the Festival Conduct requirements. Students will not be allowed to attend the Festival unless they have agreed, in writing, to abide by the Festival Conduct guidelines and have completed the permission forms required by the school to attend an out-of-town field trip.

SUPERVISION

Chaperones should keep an accurate check on the students assigned to them at all times. Students are expected to remain with the group at all times unless special arrangements have been made with the sponsor.

TRAVEL

Students should arrive and return with the group unless other traveling arrangements are made prior to the time of departure. No student will be permitted to visit relatives or friends while on a trip without a previous arrangement between the parent/guardian and the sponsor.

Travel in private cars should be avoided as much as possible. Safety is a primary concern. Driving during early hours of the morning after the conclusion of the Festival is discouraged.

VISITORS

Individuals who are not members of the troupe, official sponsors, or chaperones are not permitted to travel with the group. Attendance at any Festival event is only possible with a registered badge. Daily badges are available for parents for a fee.