

Student Guidelines

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Students consuming illegal drugs or alcohol or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during the Festival will be returned home on the first violation. Their troupe may also be returned home at the discretion of the State Director. This infraction may also prohibit the thespian participation of the troupe and students of the troupe for future years. Tobacco products are not allowed.

BADGES

Identification badges must be worn by delegates at all times during the Festival.

COURTESY

Students are expected to behave in a manner which reflects positively upon their individual schools and FLORIDA STATE THESPIANS. Students who exhibit improper and boorish behavior in public, including restaurants (refusing to tip servers, removing tips, etc.), elevators, hotel lobbies, theatres, and workshop locations, may be subject to disciplinary action by the State Board. Sponsors and chaperones have the authority to take the badges of delegates whose behavior reflects poorly upon FLORIDA STATE THESPIANS.

CURFEW

All delegates, students and adults alike, will be required to be in their assigned rooms by the curfew stated in the Festival program. "Lights out" (quiet hours) will commence thirty minutes after curfew; tape players and televisions must be turned down when quiet hours begin. Room doors should be locked to ensure the safety of the delegates. Student delegates arriving after the curfew shall report to their sponsor/chaperone. Students may not accept deliveries after curfew. Students who violate curfew are required to attend the security meeting with their sponsor the following morning at the time designated in the Festival program.

DRESS

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Appropriate dress for evening productions could include dress shirts, slacks, skirts and dresses, or nice jeans. Shorts, cutoffs, T-shirts, and other informal attire should be avoided.

HOTEL ROOMS

Mixed groups may not visit behind closed doors. Students must be in their own rooms at the designated curfew time.

EMERGENCIES

Security personnel are available at all times at all sites of the Festival. Illness or accidents should be reported to the student's sponsor or chaperone. The Festival emergency telephone contact number is printed on all badges.

FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE

All student delegates are required to attend the events scheduled during the Festival (Mainstage productions, workshops, one act plays, etc.). Delegates are not permitted, under any circumstances, to leave the Festival events without sponsor/chaperone permission.

LIABILITY

The host, all facilities, and the Florida State Thespians shall not accept responsibility for the theft, loss, or breakage of personal effects, monies, or valuables.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Delegates are not allowed to remove bedding, furniture, or other items from the Festival site or hotel rooms. Delegates may not post room telephone numbers or phone messages on the room doors or windows. Delegates are to keep their rooms locked. Delegates will be responsible for any damages caused. The Society will bill the delegate, the parent/guardian, and/or the school for any damage fees not collected at the time of checkout.

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 or to be on balconies and ledges.

SMOKING

Students are prohibited from smoking during the Festival.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Chaperones should attend a meeting 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.

SWIMMING

There is to be no swimming in any hotel/motel pool. Any student violating this rule will be required to attend a security meeting with their sponsor the following morning at the time designated in the Festival program.

THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Beverages, food, and gum are not permitted at any time in the theatres, exhibit areas, other performance areas, or lobby areas. Appropriate theatre etiquette is expected of both delegates and sponsors. Inappropriate etiquette includes feet on the seats, disruptive behavior, improper language, the wearing of hats indoors-especially theaters, or discourtesy to other delegates, performers, and theatre personnel. Delegates are not only considered guests of the Festival, but also representatives of their individual schools. Delegates are expected to behave accordingly at all times.

VIOLATIONS

Badges of any delegate violating any rule may be taken by ANY sponsor or chaperone or site personnel and turned in at the registration area. Delegates who violate security rules and regulations will also receive oral and/or written warnings at morning sessions. Violations can restrict individual delegates or entire troupes from receiving ratings or attending future Festivals. Parents or guardians will be financially responsible for any costs incurred by a student who is sent home from the Festival.

VISITORS

Individuals who are not members of the troupe, official sponsors, or chaperones are not permitted to travel with the group, or attend the Festival.