

2023 National TSA Conference

CODE OF CONDUCT



NOTE: It is the responsibility of the chapter advisor to make sure there is a completed code of conduct form for each participant and to give a copy to the state advisor prior to the conference if requested by the state advisor. National TSA reserves the right to request a completed copy of this form at any time from the chapter advisor or state advisor. Do not send this form to the national TSA office.

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This Code of Conduct applies to **all persons** attending the national TSA conference, including, but not limited to, all student members, advisors, alumni, parents, volunteers, and guests. All attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, civil, and respectful manner towards others, and must comply with all applicable laws.

1. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, such as the following:
 - abusive language
 - bullying
 - discrimination
 - threatening behavior
 - sexual harassment
 - causing physical harm
2. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, firearms, or weapons, in any form, shall be possessed by attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
3. All student attendees must keep their advisor informed of their activities and/or whereabouts at all times.
4. Attendees should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
5. Attendees should be financially prepared for any unexpected expense.
6. Attendees shall be off the convention center grounds by curfew or immediately following the last scheduled event.
7. No student attendee shall leave the conference hotels or convention center unless permission has been received from his or her chapter advisor.
8. Attendees are required to attend all general sessions and activities assigned, including competitive events, meetings, etc.
9. Identification (conference name badges) must be worn and be visible on a TSA lanyard by all conference attendees at the convention center.
10. **National TSA Dress Code** must be followed by all attendees.
11. All conference attendees must follow facility guidelines for adhering signs, notices, posters, etc. to walls, doors, or any facility surface. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or buildings must be paid for by the individual(s) or chapter(s) responsible.
12. No helium or water balloons are permitted at the conference.
13. Attendees violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules will subject their entire delegation to being unseated and their candidates or competitive event participants being disqualified. Individual attendees may be sent home immediately at their own expense.
14. Curfews will be enforced. All student attendees will be in their assigned hotel rooms by the announced curfew times.
15. The TSA, Inc. Executive Committee reserves the right to dismiss any person from the conference for inappropriate actions.

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Advisors

1. Advisors shall conduct periodic meetings with their student attendees for the purpose of reviewing conference activities, obtaining progress reports, emphasizing time schedules, sharing successes, and overall, to ensure that the students are taking full advantage of the conference and its activities.
2. Advisors shall keep an agenda of their own schedule and give it to their student attendees, along with contact information, so that the advisor may be reached during the conference at any time.
3. Each advisor shall be responsible for ensuring that all student attendees adhere to all conduct practices and procedures, as published in this document.
4. Chapter advisors will be responsible for their student attendees' conduct.
5. The rules, as stated in this Code of Conduct and in the National TSA Dress Code, apply to advisors and parents as well as students.

Safety and Security

The safety and security of all persons who attend the conference is of the utmost concern to the governing body of TSA. There are numerous security guards, provided by the convention center and TSA, who work closely with local law enforcement. In addition, daily advisor update meetings provide information on how to report any security issues that may arise. As a necessary precaution, TSA enforces the following procedures:

- All participants must register for the conference.
- Identification (name badge) must be worn and be visible on a TSA lanyard by all conference attendees at the convention center after June 28th.
- The mandatory student attendee curfew is 10:00pm.
- The conference is not "open to the public."
- The TSA Code of Conduct must be followed by all attendees.

Personal items brought to the conference for use at the conference are the sole responsibility of the attendee who chooses to bring the items. If a participant chooses to bring items of value, s/he is responsible for their safekeeping at all times, including any item of monetary or personal value and items used in competitive events. TSA accepts no responsibility for replacement of lost, misplaced, or stolen items and will not replace such items. This policy applies to all attendees and includes the conference management team and event coordinators.

Attendee Name: _____

Attendee Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature*: _____

Date: _____

**Student attendees and minors require a parent/guardian signature.*