

LEAD CONFERENCES STUDENT PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT FORM

We are delighted that you will be attending a Leadership Experience And Development (LEAD) Conference. The LEAD Conferences are designed for school leadership teams of middle level and high school Student Council and Honor Societies members and advisers. All delegates are required to follow these guidelines.

Conference Attire:

- Display the appropriate attire that is representative of your role as a student leader. **“Conservative school dress code”** type attire is appropriate. This includes Dockers-type pants, jeans, and t-shirts. Advisers should monitor delegate attire to make sure that their students are dressed appropriately. As a general guideline, the following clothing is NOT considered appropriate, and students wearing such apparel will be asked to change by their adviser or conference administrators:
 - Any clothing that reveals midriffs, cleavage, shoulders, backs, or torsos. These may include but are not limited to – spaghetti straps, strapless, crop tops, cut outs, tops with half or no backs or low cut necklines, tank tops, muscle t-shirts, low-waist slacks/skirts, and etc.
 - Cut out or frayed jeans. Clothing designed to be transparent, mesh, or sheer when worn alone.
 - Shorts and hats** will not be allowed at any of the sessions.
 - Clothing with ads/references for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or with profanity, sexual pictures, or inference to these items.
- Undergarments, shirts/tops, slacks/skirts/dresses, and shoes must be worn at all times. Skirts or dresses should be **no** shorter than two inches above the knee.

Session Etiquette:

- Attend all conference sessions at the designated times and places. Please be on time for all sessions.
- Be respectful of the rights and safety of others, for example do not talk during presentations, interfere with other delegates/staff, or create/display any intimidating, harassing, hostile, or offensive behavior.
- The use of any electronic devices or noisemaker is prohibited (cell phones/text messaging, P-D-As, MP3s, iPods, cassette/CD players, headphones, games, etc).

Hotel Etiquette:

- Be courteous to other hotel guests, their privacy and need for rest. Observe the conference-stipulated curfew – each student must be in his or her own assigned room at curfew. **The adviser and other designated chaperones are responsible for supervision of their students.** If there are any disruptions reported to the hotel, the adviser will be notified to correct the situation. **Security guards will be scheduled for your safety.**
- Under no circumstances are students permitted to be in the hotel room of a student of the opposite gender without an adult adviser present.
- Students should not be in any other hotel sleeping room other than their own room.
- Respect the property of others. Students are not to take objects from hotel rooms, conference areas, or any other property visited.
- Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated. Delegates must obey the rules of these facilities. The facilities have the right to ask a delegate or delegates to leave. **Individuals are responsible for damages to property or furnishings and will pay for its repair or replacement.**
- Do not throw anything out of windows or over balconies. Do not run down hallways. Noise should be kept at a low, reasonable volume, especially in the hotel. Do not engage in any ball throwing or similar activity that may damage hotel rooms or facilities.
- Trash (including pizza boxes, cans, etc.) must be placed in the proper receptacles and not left on guest or meeting room floors.

Conference Guidelines:

- Respect the rights and safety of others as stated in our **Safe Environment Policy** (separate document, **please read!**). This includes not exhibiting irresponsible behavior that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of him/herself/others or creating an intimidating, hostile, harassing, or offensive environment.
- Understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Any student found in possession or under the influence of any illegal drug or alcohol will be sent home at their own expense.
- Stay in a safe supervised environment. Students should not leave the hotel at any time without approved adult supervision.
- Students are required to wear the **LEAD Conferences namebadge** to all conference activities.
- Keep your adviser informed of your activities and whereabouts at all times. Accidents, injuries, and illnesses must be reported to your conference adviser immediately.

A violation of any of these guidelines could result in a student being expelled from conference activities for the duration of the conference and remanded to the custody of his or her adviser or sent home at their own expense. The national office will notify both the student’s school principal and parents of all such incidents. *Signatures below indicate that you have read and agree to comply with the expectations stated in the above guidelines and that you have read and understood our Safe Environment Policy (separate document).*

In addition, by signing this form, you are hereby giving consent to the National Association of Secondary School Principals (sponsor of NASC, NHS, and NJHS) and its Corporate Sponsors to use photographs and videotaped images of conference attendees for promotional, editorial, and advertising purposes.

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____ Signature _____

School Name (Please Print) _____ State _____

Adviser Name (Please Print) _____ Adviser Signature _____

Adviser Cell Phone Number _____

Students: Please give this signed form to your conference adviser.
Advisers, please keep the original of this form and submit a photocopy at the conference registration along with the required Adviser Commitment Form.