

**This must be given to Thespian and their parent(s) when filling out information for the festival.**

## **CONFERENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Troupe Directors are requested to go over the below rules with each of the attendees. When they sign the health form they are also agreeing to the rules below as well. .

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** Students in possession of, consuming, or under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol including cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, and tobacco at any time during the Festival will be returned home on a first violation. The parent, guardian, or next of kin will be financially responsible for all necessary costs incurred in returning the student home.

**DRESS CODE/BADGES:** School dress code is required. Do not wear anything you would not wear to your own school on a regular school day. By direction of the State Student Board and EdTA Chapter Board, all conference participants must wear their badges at chest level on body front **EASILY VISIBLE TO ALL** at all times in any conference activity.

**COURTESY:** Students are expected to behave in a manner, which reflects positively upon their individual schools and Arkansas Thespians. Students who exhibit improper and disrespectful behavior in public may be subjected to disciplinary action by the Chapter Board. Any Troupe Director/chaperone has authority to pull the badge of any delegate whose behavior reflects poorly upon Arkansas Thespians regardless of their troupe affiliation.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** As Thespians, we recognize that social media is a useful tool for expanding our theatre knowledge and for recognizing ourselves and others in a positive manner and that our words and images are not only a reflection of ourselves, but our peers, programs, directors, and the general theatre community. **Any** recordings of **any** part of the event are strictly prohibited.

**EMERGENCIES:** Please have health forms turned into troupe directors with accurate contact numbers. If a student is running a fever over 100.3 on the day of the event they are not allowed to attend the festival.

**FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE:** All student delegates are required to attend the events scheduled during the Festival (Thespy's, workshops, one-act plays, etc.) Delegates are not permitted, under any circumstances, to leave the Festival events without troupe director/chaperone permission. .

**CELL PHONES:** All cell phones are to be silenced and not to be used during workshops, Thespy's, group events, or during One-Acts.

**LIABILITY:** The host, all facilities, and the Arkansas Thespians shall not accept responsibility for the theft, loss or breakage of personal effects, monies, or valuables. All items found may be turned in to the Jr. Coordinator and or Registration Desk.

**THEATRE:** The taking of flash photography is not allowed at any time during a production. No recording equipment of any kind is permitted in the audience. No one is to enter or exit the theatre during a performance. Proper and acceptable behavior will be expected by all members of an audience. Inappropriate theatre etiquette includes feet on the seats, disruptive behavior, improper language, or discourtesy to other delegates, performers, and theatre personnel. Badges of any delegates violating any rule may be taken by ANY sponsor or chaperone and turned in at the registration desk. **Silence ALL CELL PHONES.**

**VIOLATIONS:** Delegates violating rules and regulations of the conference will be required to meet with their troupe director or chaperone along with the State Chapter Director and another State Board Member. Violations may cause non-participation of the school in the Festival activities until the meeting takes place. Violations could result in a letter to the student's school principal, contacting parents, and/or immediate removal from Jr.Festival.

**SIGNATURES:** will be on the Health form for agreeing and adhering to these rules.