

AR THESPIAN IN-PERSON FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Troupe Directors are requested to make a copy of the following rules and regulations for each student attending the conference. Signatures of student and parent(s) are required. Troupe Directors and Chaperones are responsible for the conduct of their students.

STUDENT CONDUCT: 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.

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.

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.

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: 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. Thespians are to use social media in a positive way for uplifting the arts and our artists.

EMERGENCIES: Each school is to provide hotel security/main desk with a list of delegates and the rooms they will be staying in. This same information will be required at the registration desk for the conference along with the hotel phone number.

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Delegates are not allowed to remove bedding, furniture, or other hotel property from the rooms. Delegates will be responsible to the hotel for damages to their rooms or for any damage caused by them to hotel property. The hotel will bill the delegate, the parents, and/or the school for any damage fees not collected at time of check out.

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 troupe director/chaperone permission.

CAMPUS REGULATIONS: There will be no eating or drinking in the theatres, workshop, and lecture areas. These are allowed in those areas with drink machines or hallways with trash cans. By direction of the State Student Board and EdTA Chapter Board, no hats, or caps may be worn in any campus building. In addition, no music players/recording equipment, with or without headsets, will be permitted in campus buildings (including instruments).. Large bags and backpacks will not be allowed into the theatre. **ALL CELL PHONES ARE TO BE SILENCED AND NOT TO BE USED DURING WORKSHOPS, INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, GROUP EVENTS, OR DURING STATE SHOWCASE 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 Registration Desk.

THEATRE: The taking of flash photography is not allowed at any time during any production. No recording equipment of any kind are 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 that meeting takes place. Violations could result in a letter to the student's school principal, contacting parents, and/or immediate removal from State Festival.

SIGNATURES: I have read and understand the Arkansas Thespians Festival rules and regulations.

Principal Signature Date _____

Troupe number _____ **Signature of Troupe Director** _____