



# Code of Conduct

## Mississippi Theatre Association's

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(Revised September 2016)

**Knowing that any organization is judged largely by the behavior of its individual members, we who attend the Mississippi Theatre Association Convention agree that registering at the State Convention constitutes our subscribing to the following rules, which comprise the Code of Conduct.**

Rule 1: Each Sponsor is responsible for each and every one of his/her students. Therefore, students must keep their sponsor informed of their whereabouts at all times.

Rule 2: Members registered at the convention should be present for all scheduled meetings and on time.

Rule 3: Curfew is promptly at midnight unless the Convention Chair announces otherwise. This means in your own room and respectfully quiet.

Rule 4: Members may visit other members' rooms only with the Sponsor's knowledge and approval.

Rule 5: No Alcohol and/or other drug, in any form, shall be possessed by a minor at this state convention.

Rule 6: All registered members are expected to wear official name badges at all times.

Rule 7: Each registered member is expected to display and exert leadership qualities in a responsible manner, which will lead to the organized success of this Convention. Members should conduct themselves in such a manner that their actions will reflect favorably on their school and community and all of those responsible for providing the student with this educational opportunity.

Rule 8: Each student will conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and will not in any way destroy, mutilate or alter ANY of the facilities while at the State convention.

Rule 9: Each student will act as an adult and as professionals during all productions, critiques, workshops and social events associated with the Convention.

Rule 10: Student will NOT use electronic devices including cell phones, iPods, etc. while in the theatre or auditorium. All devices will be kept OFF. Students also should NOT send or receive TEXT MESSAGES during productions or critiques. **This will result in the Festival Chairman taking up cell phones, iPods, etc.**

Rule 12: Students will be respectful, courteous and congenial to others performing. This includes not talking during critiques, announcements and performances.

Read and sign second page:

### **MTA Alcohol and Drug Policy for Minors**

One form per school. Please review the information with your students. Each student must sign.  
The form must also be signed by the sponsor.

No student attending any Mississippi Theatre Association activity shall be permitted to carry on his/her person or in any other manner have in his/her possession, in any way, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. The provisions of this policy shall not apply to any student who is under the care of a licensed physician and who is taking medication which is under the supervision and direction of such physician.

This policy is for the sole and exclusive protection of the students of this association and their general welfare, and nothing herein shall be construed to avoid any prosecution under applicable criminal statute. The MTA may report any violation of this policy to the student's

school sponsor, parents, school principal, district superintendent and also to the proper law enforcement officials.

### CONSENT FORM AGREEMENT

I agree that any violation of the rules that I have been provided **may subject our school to being sent home and all honors and awards forfeited.** Serious misconduct on our part may be reported to our Superintendent, Principal, and our Parents, who would then be advised that we are barred from participating in future Mississippi Theatre Association Conventions.

I have read the MTA Convention Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules and all rules made by the convention officials and my sponsor. I understand that any violation may result in my being removed from the convention. I also understand that misconduct may be reported to the school officials and disciplinary action may result.

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\*Sponsors signing this agreement agree that they have discussed “theatre etiquette” with their students. While this seems obvious, past festival experience leads us to believe that this isn’t always the case. Be sure you explain to your students how to act during performances, strike (if performing), during workshops, meetings and awards ceremonies. They are representing YOU and your school. Be sure you have reviewed these rules as these have been revised and updated due to problems in the past.