



MTA Code of Conduct

SECONDARY DIVISION

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

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. MTA officials 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.

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 festival should be present for all scheduled meetings and on time.

Rule 3: Curfew is promptly at midnight unless the Festival 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 festival.

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 festival. 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 Festival.

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

Rule 10: Students will NOT use electronic devices while in the theatre or auditorium. All devices will be kept OFF. Students should not use devices at all during productions. This will result in the Festival Chairman taking up cell phones, iPods, etc.

Rule 11: Students will be respectful, courteous, and congenial to other performing groups.

Rule 12: Students will not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs* while participating in MTA activities.

Rule 13: Students will not possess or consume tobacco or vape products while participating in MTA activities.

Rule 14: Students will not engage in any activity that is against individual school policy.

*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.

Student Agreement

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

Sponsor Agreement

I have read the MTA Festival Code of Conduct and have reviewed them and proper theatre etiquette with my students. I have discussed the importance of proper behavior during all activities with my students as well as the consequences if any rules are broken.

