

 MICHIGAN
DECA Code of Conduct/Medical Treatment Authorization

Name _____ Chapter _____

Conference _____ Conference Date _____

Attendance at any DECA sponsored conference or activity is a privilege. The following conduct policies will apply to all delegates: students, adults, and any other authorized persons attending the conference. This form must be signed by each student, and the student's parent or guardian, attending a DECA conference or activity (including, but not limited to; conferences, meetings, workshops, etc.) and brought to the conference by the chapter advisor.

Delegates shall abide by the rules and practices of DECA at all times, including to and from the designated point of origin of the activity. Delegates shall respect and abide by the authority vested in Michigan DECA. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion of Michigan DECA. Additional penalties may be imposed by the local school district.

The following shall be regarded as major violations of the DECA Code of Conduct and will result in the student being sent home and not being allowed to participate in any DECA activities for the remainder of the school year. Determination of other penalties for violations will be at the discretion of Michigan DECA, the DECA chapter advisor or local school district.

1. Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used an alcoholic beverage, other drugs, substances or tobacco products capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering a student's mood, perception, behavior or judgment; other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medication prescribed by a physician for an individual student and must be on record with the advisor. Nor shall the student possess, use, sell or transmit paraphernalia associated with drugs, alcohol or chemical substances in any form (including tobacco), at any time, or under any circumstances, on public or private properties. All local and state laws concerning personal behavior will be honored.
2. Willful companionship: Being in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the Code of Conduct, or failing to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the Code of Conduct violations.
3. Personal conduct: Conducting acts and/or possession of weapons capable of causing bodily harm or fear of life, defacing or stealing any public or private property (for which financial responsibility will rest solely with offending individuals or their chapter); throwing objects out the window or into the hallway; other serious violations of personal conduct regulations.
4. Private transportation: No driving or riding in a private automobile during a conference, unless accompanied by an authorized advisor (delegates are required to stay at state selected hotels). Occasionally a chapter advisor, under special circumstances, may allow a student to drive or ride in a private automobile to a conference. Once a driving/riding delegate has arrived at the conference site, s/he shall not be in a private automobile again until leaving the site at the end of the conference.
5. Abusive behavior and lewd conduct: A student shall not engage in any lewd, indecent, sexual or obscene act or expression. **A student shall not engage in written, verbal, physical or electronic activities that may lead to harassment, hazing or bullying.** The use of **any harassment** against anyone on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.
6. Violations of the student's school district code of conduct.

Should a code of conduct violation occur for the following items, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) may be sent home and may not be allowed to participate in any DECA activities for the remainder of the school year. Determination of other penalties for violations will be at the discretion of Michigan DECA, the DECA chapter advisor or local school district.

7. Conference Conduct: Failing to wear the supplied conference ID badge and wristband (when provided) at all times from arrival at the conference until departure at the end of the conference; leaving sessions prior to their conclusion (except in the case of emergency); failing to attend all general sessions and assigned activities (including workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, etc.) for which a delegate is registered (unless engaged in a specific assignment taking place at the same time). Delegates displaying rude or unprofessional behavior during conference sessions or activities will be subject to disciplinary action.
8. Curfew: Failing to be in your assigned sleeping room from the curfew time designated until 6 a.m.; causing any noise or other disturbance audible by anyone in the hallway after designated curfew time; ordering or receiving any food after the designated curfew time; causing any other unnecessary disturbance or participating in any other inappropriate activity after the designated curfew time.
9. Failing to abide by the dress regulations established for the conference, as outlined in the Dress Code.
10. Personal Conduct: Failing to keep adult advisors informed of activities and whereabouts at all times; participating in unapproved social activities; having a member of the opposite sex in a room if no adult chaperone is present or for behavior unbecoming of a delegate.
11. Hotel Conduct: Failing to meet the professional standards of housing facilities; accruing incidental room charges (i.e., phone calls, room service, pay-per-view movies, etc.) without settling the account prior to check-out; moving hotel furniture from rooms (e.g., onto the balcony); failing to follow hotel rules and regulations; inappropriate noise or verbal abuse; and not demonstrating respect for other hotel guests not participating with the DECA conference.
12. Unregistered individuals are not permitted at DECA conferences.
13. Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted at meetings or conference activities, sessions, or competitions. Students may use them during free-time.
14. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for their chapter delegates' conduct. Delegates that do not follow the Code of Conduct may subject their entire delegation to be sent home at the individual's and/or chapter's expense.
15. Advisors are responsible for room checks. No group or chapter activities are to be scheduled by advisors after curfew.
16. Delegates shall allow Michigan DECA to use conference photographs, video footage, and their names for promotional purposes.

Michigan DECA will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, weight, sexual orientation or disability. Any student requiring an accommodation as a result of a disability should contact their chapter advisor or arrange such accommodation.

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As parent/guardian, I have reviewed the Delegate Code of Conduct with our son/daughter, and he/she agrees to abide by the rules. The Chapter Advisors and/or Michigan DECA has the right to send the delegate home from the activity, at my expense, provided that he/she has violated the Delegate Code of Conduct and I have been notified of the violation and transportation arrangements.

The delegate has my permission to attend the Michigan DECA activity. I understand the delegate will be supervised by the DECA chapter advisor. I, the parent/guardian, will not hold the school, the advisor, the Board of Education, Michigan DECA, nor the conference staff responsible for any injuries while attending or while en-route to and from the DECA sponsored activity.

In the event of accident or illness requiring emergency medical treatment, occurring while in attendance at this DECA activity, I, the undersigned parent/guardian hereby authorizes the DECA chapter advisor to procure suitable medical treatment for the below signed delegate, and I will provide for the payment of those costs on behalf of the named delegate. I also expect the DECA chapter advisor to contact me by telephone, as soon as possible, if medical services are necessary.

Conference or Activity

Date

Name of School

Name of Delegate

Date of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Emergency Contact

Phone

Please list any medications or physical limitations: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Delegate's Signature

Date

Advisor's Signature

Date

Principal's Signature

Date

Insurance Company

Policy Number

The DECA Chapter Advisor must bring a signed form for each delegate to each conference.

It is recommended that this form be notarized for out-of-state travel.