



TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

YMCA Texas Youth and Government Student Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to identify personal behaviors consistent and inconsistent with the YMCA Texas Youth and Government program core values of respect, responsibility, caring, and honesty. The items in this Code of Conduct are designed to uphold these values and program goals and protect students' wellbeing while at State Conferences.

EXPECTATION OF STUDENT	PENALTIES IN CASES OF VIOLATION
1. For the purposes of this code, there are no "innocent bystanders." Any student who stands by while a violation of this code occurs without reporting it or leaving the area is liable for the violation, even if he or she does not actively participate. Our program aims to create responsible future leaders who take ownership of their decisions.	As outlined in code
2. Students cannot leave YMCA Texas Youth and Government conference facilities early or for reasons unrelated to programming without permission from a parent or legal guardian and approval from club advisor and District Director.	Call parents, send home
3. YMCA Texas Youth and Government delegates should not steal, deface, or otherwise damage public or private property including program facilities and the belongings of other participants. Violations of this provision may be considered criminal activity and prosecuted as such.	Call parents, send home Call facility security (Possibly) summon police (Possibly) financial responsibility for damages
4. Students must abide by all rules set by conference facility partners. For example, students cannot eat or drink in the Senate and House chambers or Capitol committee and conference rooms and cannot order room service at the hotel.	Report to club advisor → staff discretion
5. Students are not permitted to possess or use incense or tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and juuls/vaping devices), weapons, non-prescription drugs, or alcohol while at YMCA Texas Youth and Government programming.	Call parents, send home Summon police
6. Delegates may not enter hotel rooms other than their own.	Call parents, (possibly) send home
7. Students may not ride in taxis or personal vehicles or use public transportation without adult supervision.	Report to club advisor → staff discretion
8. Delegates must abide by all curfews outlined in State Conference schedules.	Report to club advisor → staff discretion (Possibly) lose participation rights
9. All delegate visitors must sign in to State Conference following visitor procedures. If visitors will stay with delegates overnight, delegates must receive approval from the State Office. Visitor passes are not allowed for evening activities.	Call parents, send home
10. Delegates may not switch hotel rooms during State Conference unless they obtain approval from the State Office.	Call parents, send home
11. Except in cases of emergency or serious illness, delegates must attend all sessions of State Conference for their sections as well as opening and closing ceremonies, delegation meetings, and the conference banquet.	Lose participation rights
12. Delegates should wear only their own nametags. Nametags should be visible at all times.	Report to club advisor → staff discretion
13. Delegates should not harass or intimidate others by words, gestures, body language, or action. Delegates should respect one another regardless of race, gender, religion, sexuality, national origin, disability, and other identity characteristics.	Report to club advisor → staff discretion (Possibly) call parents, send home (Possibly) summon police
14. Delegates will abide by the State Conference Dress Code at all times.	Sent back to room to change (Possibly) lose participation rights (Possibly) lose Premier Delegation for club (Possibly) lose right to participate in evening activities
15. Delegates attending the State Conference dance must abide by all guidelines in Conference Brochure. They should not dance suggestively (e.g. grinding, bending over), bunch up in groups, or remove their shoes. Delegates' hands must remain visible.	Warning from adult chaperone (Possibly) removed from dance (Possibly) report to club advisor → staff discretion

I understand that my participation in YMCA Texas Youth and Government indicates that I have reviewed the above standards of conduct and agree to abide by them. I understand that the YMCA Texas Youth and Government program maintains discretion regarding penalty if I am found to be in violation of any provision of this Code of Conduct. I understand that the YMCA is not responsible for any expenses associated with enforcement of the above penalties or refunding my participation. I understand that the YMCA Texas Youth and Government State Conference security team will assist in ensuring that delegates follow this code.