

# FLORIDA TSA EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

## BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS & DISCIPLINE POLICY:

TSA prides itself in the good conduct of its members. Unbecoming conduct or violation of rules by an individual may result in: the individual being restricted from all activities and confined to the housing room and/or the loss of contest points for the chapter. In addition, any gross violation may result in the individual being sent home early. Minor violations will be referred to the chapter advisor for action. An independent discipline committee will decide penalties for gross violations. In an attempt to protect everyone involved in Florida TSA sponsored events, the following behavioral expectations and discipline policies have been established:

**1. Possession or usage of any weapon, alcohol, or controlled substance is as follows:** Florida TSA will enforce all existing state statutes (law) and school board policies concerning the possession of firearms, weapons, controlled substances including alcohol and tobacco and will notify the appropriate local authorities.

**2. Curfew:** There is a set curfew for each day of a conference. All students must be in their rooms at the time stated in the conference program. If a student is found outside of his/her room after curfew, the advisor will be notified by the adult head of security to pick up the student from the designated holding area. The student will be released only to the respective chapter advisor. Additionally, advisors should set a good example by not scheduling chapter activities after curfew.

**3. Balconies, Alcoves, Stairwells:** It is a felony in the State of Florida for debris or any item to be thrown from any upper level (i.e. balcony, alcove or stairwell.) "Debris of any kind being thrown will result in eviction of the entire room". Florida TSA will not make provisions for those who choose to violate Florida Law. In addition, all guests associated with a room eviction will be disqualified for the remainder of the conference and will forego eligibility of any and all awards. There will be no waiver from this agreement; therefore, it is strongly urged that all conference attendees are made aware of this agreement.

**4. Hats and Head Covering:** Head covering/gear is not to be worn inside the building.

**5. Name Badges:** Name badges must be worn at all times by students, advisors, alumni, guests and chaperones. No one will be allowed in the conference area without a name badge.

**6. Pool Facilities:** Students may use the hotel swimming pools if permitted by local school board policy, and only under the direct supervision of their advisor, or adult chaperone designated by the chapter advisor; the advisor/chaperone must be present on the pool deck.

**7. Stereos:** In order to maintain appropriate noise levels, students are not allowed to bring stereos with external speakers on conference property at any time.

**8. Hotel Rooms and Hallways:** Running, yelling or talking loudly, and slamming doors in hallways, corridors, lobbies, and meeting space will not be tolerated. Please keep in mind that FL TSA and its members are not the only guests staying at the hotel.

**9. Elevators:** utilize manners when entering elevators allowing guests to exit before entering.

**10. Cell Phones: Competitors are prohibited from bringing cell phones into event competitions. If a student/competitor has a cell phone in the event, it is ground for immediate disqualification and removal from the event.**

**11. All students and guests must be registered for the FL TSA State Conference and wear a valid name badge in order to access any sessions including the awards ceremony Any conference attendee (student or adult) may be removed from the conference for any reason deemed necessary by the Florida TSA Board of Directors Discipline committee.**

**Please Note:** *Students should not bring personal valuables such as expensive jewelry, electronic games, or excessive cash that could be lost or stolen.*