

# PASC STATE CONFERENCE STUDENT PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT FORM

## Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are delighted that your son or daughter will be attending the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) State Conference. Because we wish to ensure the safety of your child, as well as other participants and the host families, we have developed the following behavioral expectations.

## All delegates are expected to:

- 1. Wear appropriate conference name badge and wristband throughout all conference activities.**
- 2. Attend all conference sessions at the designated times and places.** For the duration of the conference, delegates cannot deviate from the stated schedule to accompany a host family, which has alternate plans, or to visit relatives or friends in the area.
- 3. Always display the appropriate mode of attire and behavior that is representative of any student council position.** Students may dress casually, but appropriately, for all PASC functions. They may not bring controversial clothing to the conference.
  - *Controversial clothing includes:* spaghetti strap or strapless tops; short shorts; crop tops; cut out or frayed clothing; bathing attire (except at a water park/pool); tank tops with extra large arm and neck holes; clothing with ads for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or with profanity, sexual pictures, or inference to these items. Students wearing prohibited apparel will be asked to change. **Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.**
  - Use of electronic devices including cell phones, headphones and hand-held games is prohibited during any meeting, activity, or general session.
  - Food, drink, noisemakers, or throwing/bouncing any objects are prohibited in general sessions.
- 4. Respect the rights and safety of others.** Students exhibiting irresponsible behavior that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of themselves or others will be sent home immediately at their expense. Students are expected to demonstrate respect toward other students, advisers, presenters, and guests. Therefore, the following behavior will not be allowed: talking during presentations, interfering with delegate/staff member's ability to participate, or creating an intimidating, harassing, hostile, or offensive environment.
- 5. Inform an adult if a problem arises.** The safety and well being of all student delegates attending this conference is of utmost importance. For this reason, if at any time during the conference an incident occurs that makes the student feel threatened, harassed, or intimidated, he or she should tell the conference host, a conference staff person, or a PASC Executive Board member.
- 6. Be courteous to the host families and honor their privacy (and need for rest).** As guests in the homes of local residents, students should observe any reasonable requests or rules made by the hosts, including curfew. All students must remain with assigned host families for the duration of the conference. **Once students are dropped off in the evening, they are expected to stay in the host family home.** There will be NO driving of any motor vehicle, including motorcycles and mopeds, by PASC student participants. PASC delegates are forbidden to ride in a vehicle with a driver under the age of eighteen (18).
- 7. Stay only in their assigned homes.** Students must notify their adviser if they are having serious difficulties in a host home. If necessary, another host home will be assigned.

- 8. Understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs as well as the possession of any type of weapon, play or real, is strictly prohibited.** Any student found possessing or under the influence of any illegal drug or alcohol, or possessing a weapon will be expelled from the conference and sent home immediately at his/her expense. The executive director or designee will notify both the student's principal and parents of the infraction.
- 9. Respect the property of others.** Students are not to take objects from conference areas or any other property visited. Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated.
- 10. Understand that during the conference photos and/or videos will be taken of delegates and those images may be used by PASC.**

Violation of any of these expectations may result in your student being sent home. The parent/guardian will be responsible for making the travel arrangement at their expense. (Of course, we would much prefer that everyone have an exciting and safe experience!) We appreciate your support of your child's involvement in leadership development.

**Your signatures below indicate that you have read and discussed the above guidelines with your student and are in agreement with these expectations.** Thank you!

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print or type)

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Student Signature

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Student Name (please print or type)

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Adviser Signature

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Student's School Name

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Student's School District



**Adviser should keep a copy of this form for their files and refer to the specific conference submission procedures.**