

MASC STATE CONVENTION
STUDENT PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are delighted that your son or daughter will be attending the Missouri Association of School Councils (MASC) State Convention at Timberland High School, Wentzville, MO. Because we wish to ensure the safety of your child, as well as other participants, we have developed the following behavioral expectations.

All delegates are expected to:

1. **Wear the conference name badge/lanyard to and 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.
3. **Always display the appropriate mode of attire and behavior that is representative of any student council position.** Because the MASC conference is held in the spring, students may dress casually, but appropriately. They must 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 the hotel 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. Under garments shall not be visible. The wearing of hats in a building is prohibited during any conference activity. 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.
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 members' 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 adviser or a WASC staff person
6. **Delegates must stay only in their assigned rooms and observe lights out.**

7. **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 event and sent home immediately at his/her expense. The state office will notify the student's school principal and parents of the infraction as well as the local authorities.
8. **Stay in a safe, supervised environment.** Unsupervised students may not leave the conference area.
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. Students and advisors will be transported by bus to Lindenwood University for an event on Friday evening. All Convention delegates are expected to ride the buses provided.
11. Please understand that during the conference photos and/or videos will be taken of delegates and your image may be used by the MASC.

Violation of any of these expectations may result in your student being sent home at his/her expense. (Of course, we would much prefer that everyone have an exciting and safe conference!) 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.

Furthermore, as parent/guardian of a participant in the conference, I hereby state that I am aware of and accept the risk inherent in the program activity. I do hereby agree to hold harmless; and indemnify the Missouri Association of School Councils, their volunteers, officers, agents and employees, from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses which are sustained, incurred or required arising out of the actions of my dependent in the course of the activity.

Thank you!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print or type)

Student Signature

Student Name (please print or type)

Adviser Signature

Student's School Name

PLEASE GIVE THIS SIGNED FORM TO THE ADVISER TO TURN IN AT THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. **(Adviser should keep a copy for their files)**