



DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL

SPEECH & DEBATE CLUB

DHS Speech & Debate Student Code of Conduct

This applies to any and all Club activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, any and all tournament(s)/event(s), and all meetings, online or in-person, during school hours or after school hours, on the school premises or outside of school premises, for purposes of training, practice, or any other event(s) related to S&D Club activities.

Attendance at any Speech & Debate Club sponsored activity is a privilege. The following conduct policies will apply to all students, alumni, advisors, parent leads, parent volunteers and any other authorized persons attending the activity. This form must be signed by each student and alumnus (under 21) attending the event and submitted to the club advisor(s)/parent lead prior to the appropriate registration deadline. The club advisor(s)/parent lead must have a completed copy of the permission/medical release form for each student attending in his/her possession for the duration of the event, including while traveling to and from the event.

Students will be representing Dublin High School and shall abide by the *school district policies* at all times to, during, and from the designated point of origin of the activity. Students shall respect and obey their designated advisor(s)/parent lead/chaperones and local authorities at all times.

Parents and students should review the following information carefully as students/parents are responsible for financial loss due to any of the following violations. Any questions should be directed to the advisor(s)/parent lead or administrator prior to the event.

Code of Conduct Violations

Should a code of conduct violation occur for items 1 through 9 below, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) will be sent home and will not be eligible to attend any other state, regional, or national events during the remainder of the school year. Severe violations may also cause the loss of title/office position and a permanent ban from club participation. If the violation warrants it, school disciplinary consequences will be enforced upon return to school, and law enforcement may also be notified.

1. **Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco:** A student shall not possess, purchase, sell, 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. Over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student must be on record with the advisor(s)/parent lead. A student shall not possess, purchase, sell, use, 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.
2. **Willful Companionship:** A student shall not be in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the conduct code. Failure to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the code of conduct violations will be treated as equally as the violation itself.



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3. **Personal Conduct:** A student shall not cheat, be dishonest, or take unfair advantage of others. A student shall not participate in social activities other than those specified within the event and with event participants. A student shall not be in possession of and/or conduct acts with weapons capable of causing bodily harm or fear of life, deface or steal any public or private property (for which financial responsibility will rest solely with offending individuals), and/or break the law. A student shall report accidents, injuries or illnesses immediately to the club advisor(s)/parent lead, keep adult advisor(s)/parent lead informed of activities and whereabouts at all times, and/or comply with established grievance processes for disputes about competitive event results/processes (including personally confronting judges or event administrators). A student shall not have a member of the opposite sex in a room if no adult advisor(s)/parent lead/chaperone is present and the room door is not propped wide open, and/or have an advisor(s)/parent lead/chaperone of the opposite sex in a room without a third person present and the door visibly open.
4. **Abusive Behavior and Lewd Conduct:** A student shall not engage in any lewd, indecent, sexual, or obscene act or expression, or possess such materials. A student shall not engage in verbal, physical, or sexual harassment, hazing, or name-calling. The use of slurs against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.
5. **Private Transportation:** A student shall not drive or ride in an automobile of an unauthorized driver. All adult drivers must be cleared with the DUSD through [Be A Mentor](#) by submitting volunteer and driver forms prior to the event.
6. **Event Conduct:** A student shall not arrive or depart from the event outside designated times without the permission of the advisor(s)/parent lead. A student shall act in accordance to the code of conduct to, during, and from the event.
7. **Curfew:** A student shall not leave the assigned hotel room from the curfew time designated by the advisor(s)/parent lead until 6 a.m. or an earlier time if needed for the event. A student shall not cause any noise or other disturbance audible to anyone in the hallway after designated curfew time, order any food after the designated curfew time, and/or cause any other unnecessary disturbance or participate in any other inappropriate activity after the designated curfew time.
8. **Hotel Conduct:** A student shall not fail to meet the professional standards of the housing facilities, accrue incidental room charges (e.g phone calls, room service, pay-per-view movies, etc.) without settling the account prior to check-out, throw objects out the window or into the hallway, slam doors, move hotel furniture from rooms (e.g. onto the balcony), and/or fail to follow hotel rules and regulations.
9. **Online Conduct:** A student shall not engage in abusive or lewd behavior on online platforms, including but not limited to Discord, Instagram, and YouTube. Students understand that their behavior reflects on DHS S&D Club as a whole and are expected to follow the code of conduct in



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online settings relevant to the organization.

Students- Please read and initial each statement. Then complete the end form.

_____ I understand that I am a representative of my club, my school, my city, my state, and my country and that my appearance and behavior should be appropriate for each occasion.

_____ I agree to be a respectful, intelligent member at all times.

_____ I promise to use the buddy system at the event and not to travel alone.

_____ I realize that it is a privilege to attend the Speech & Debate Tournaments and events and that I will attend all competition events, be on time, and stay the entire time until I am released by my advisor(s)/parent lead.

_____ I understand that no alcohol or drug use will be tolerated.

_____ I understand that it is illegal for all high school students, regardless of age, to possess or use tobacco products at a school sponsored activity.

_____ I understand that items brought on the trip may be searched by the advisor(s)/parent lead/chaperones before and during the trip.

_____ I will not leave the hotel without notifying my advisor(s)/parent lead, even with my parents.

_____ I understand that I must respect the property in the various schools, colleges, hotels, conference centers, restaurants or any other place in which our events may take place.

_____ I understand that I am a guest in the hotel and that my conduct must not infringe on the rights of the other guests.

_____ I will not create loud noises on any modes of transport, in the hotel, at the event location or in my room by talking, playing music, televisions, etc. at unreasonable levels or times.

_____ I will respect hotel rules at all times, including those of the pool, spa, and gym.

_____ I will not make prank telephone calls or knock on unknown hotel guest's doors.

_____ I agree to abide by set curfews. I understand this means being in my room by the curfew hour and remaining there until the specified time. I also understand that I will not be able to receive deliveries after curfew.

_____ I understand that I am not to be in a room of the opposite sex without an advisor(s)/parent lead/chaperone present and the door being propped open at ANY time.

_____ I will wear appropriate clothing to all activities.



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_____ I understand that I am not to have guests visit me at any time during this event without knowledge of advisor(s)/parent lead.

_____ I know that I am not to drive myself nor am I to ride in another student's vehicle to or from the event.

_____ I understand that my parents MUST attend all parent night meetings, and all forms must be submitted/updated prior to event dates.

I have read, understood, and initialed the above conduct contract, and I agree to follow it while on the trip. Any infractions will be dealt with according to Dublin High School & Dublin Unified School District Discipline Policy.

Furthermore, I understand that my actions may affect my own and my club's further participation in Speech and Debate activities and competitions.

Lastly, if I violate any of the above Code of Conduct rules, I understand that my parents will be contacted immediately and I will be sent home at my own expense and that my actions will be reported to my school administration.

Student's Name (PRINT)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Student Cell Phone: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____