

**2020 SCASC STATE CONVENTION
PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT FORM**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are delighted that your son or daughter will be attending the annual state convention of the South Carolina Association of Student Councils, March 13-15, 2020, hosted by Wade Hampton High School. 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 appropriate convention name badge throughout the convention.**
- 2. Attend all sessions at the designated times and places.**
- 3. Display the appropriate mode of attire and behavior that is representative of any student council position.**

Students may dress casually, but appropriately. They must not bring controversial clothing to the convention.

 - a. *Controversial clothing includes* : spaghetti straps or strapless tops; short shorts; crop tops; cut out or frayed clothing; tank tops with extra-large arm and neck holes; clothing with ads for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or with profanity, sexual pictures, or inference.
 - b. Use of electronic devices (including cell phones, headphones, and hand-held games) is prohibited during any meeting, activity, or general session.
 - c. Food, drink, portable speakers, noisemakers or throwing any object 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 towards other students, advisers, and presenters. Therefore, the following behavior will not be allowed: talking during presentations, interfering with delegate/staff members' ability to participate, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.
- 5. Inform an adult if a problem arises.** The safety and well-being of all student delegates attending this convention is of utmost importance. For this reason, if at any time during the convention an incident occurs that makes the student feel threatened or intimidated, he or she should tell an advisor or adult officer.
- 6. Be courteous to the Hotel/Home environment.** As guests of our local hotels and host families, you are required to follow all reasonable requests or rules made by the hotel or host family. Once students return to the hotel or home in the evening, they are expected to stay in their own room. Girls CANNOT go into boys' rooms and boys CANNOT go into girls' rooms. Each school is responsible for their own transportation for the duration of the conference.
- 7. Understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs (including vaping, juuling and e-cigarettes) 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 sent home immediately at his/her expense. SCASC will notify both the school principal and parents about the infraction.
- 8. Respect the property of others.** Students are not to take objects from convention areas or any other property visited. Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated.

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 convention!) We appreciate your support of your student'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!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print or type)

Student Signature

Student Name (please print or type)

Student's School Name

Principal Signature

PLEASE TURN IN THIS SIGNED FORM WITH REGISTRATION FORMS
(Advisors should keep a copy for their files)