



2026 FLORIDA FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STUDENT DELEGATE GUIDELINES, CODE OF CONDUCT and DRESS CODE

Advisers: Each participant attending the SLC must electronically sign & acknowledge the “**Acknowledgement of Rules Agreement**” on the SLC Registration website, which verifies that they have read and understand the guidelines. They must agree to follow these guidelines during the 2025 Florida FCCLA State Leadership Conference. They must understand that the State Adviser has the responsibility to legislate and implement these guidelines. They are acknowledging that when they follow these guidelines, they contribute to the safety and enjoyment of this conference.

As a delegate to the Annual State Leadership Conference, you have been given one of the highest honors your chapter can give its members. Please be sure to take your responsibility seriously and to follow the guidelines below, so that everyone will have an enjoyable and rewarding conference.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each FCCLA member selected to represent his/her local chapter at the SLC will:

- Be on time for all sessions and stay until each session ends. (This includes not leaving the main meeting area during a general session once it has begun.)
- Know the opening and closing ceremonies.
- Give speakers respectful treatment and attention. Refrain from talking and whispering when anyone is at the podium.
- Listen for the many ideas that will be presented. Take notes and share ideas with your chapter.
- Demonstrate leadership skills at all times.
- Actively help your chapter select State Officers.
- Refrain from taking pictures or applauding during the Installation Ceremony. Wait for photo opportunities after the Installation Ceremony.

Delegates shall abide by the rules and practices of FCCLA at all times, which includes to and from the designated point of origin of the activity. Delegates shall respect and abide by the authority vested in the FCCLA organization. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion of the Executive Director. Additional penalties may be imposed by the state association and/or local school district.

The following shall be regarded as severe violations of the FCCLA Conduct Code:

Should a conduct code violation occur for item 1 through 7 below, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) will be sent home.

1. **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco:** A student shall not possess, 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; other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and must be on record with the adviser. Nor shall the student possess, use, sell, or transmit paraphernalia associated with drugs, alcohol, or chemical substance in any form (including tobacco), at any time, or under any circumstances, on public or private properties. All local and state laws concerning personal behavior will be honored.
2. **Curfew:** Committing serious violations of curfew regulations as outlined in item 9 below.
3. **Willful Companionship:** Being in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the conduct code, or failing to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the conduct code violations.
4. **Personal Conduct:** Participating in social activities other than those with conference participants; conducting acts and/or possession of weapons capable of causing bodily harm or fear of life, defacing or stealing any public or private property (for which financial responsibility will rest solely with offending individuals or their chapter); other serious violations of personal conduct regulations.
5. **Serious Violations** of the student conduct code of the school district or school that the student represents.



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6. Private Transportation: No driving or riding in a private automobile during a conference, unless accompanied by an authorized adviser (delegates are to be housed at the conference site). Occasionally a chapter adviser, under special circumstances, may allow a student to drive or ride in a private automobile to a conference.

7. Abusive Behavior and Lewd Conduct: A student shall not engage in any lewd, indecent, sexual, or obscene act or expression. 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, gender, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.

The following shall be other violations of the FCCLA Conduct Code:

Should a conduct code violation occur for items 8-12 below, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) may be sent home and may not be eligible to attend any other state or national conference during that school year. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion of the Executive Director, or the appropriate chapter Adviser.

8. Conference Conduct: Failing to wear the supplied conference ID badge and barcode (when provided) at all times from arrival at the conference until departure at the end of the conference; leaving sessions prior to their conclusion (except in the case of emergency); failing to attend all general sessions and assigned activities (including competitive events, committee meetings, etc.) for which a delegate is registered (unless engaged in a specific assignment taking place at the same time).

9. Curfew: Failing to be in your assigned hotel room from the curfew time designated in the conference program until 6 a.m.; causing any noise or other disturbance audible by anyone in the hallway after designated curfew time; ordering any food after the designated curfew time; causing any other unnecessary disturbance or participating in any other inappropriate activity after the designated curfew time.

10. Dress: Failing to abide by the dress regulations established for the conference, as outlined in the Dress Code.

11. Personal Conduct: Failing to keep adult advisers informed of activities and whereabouts at all times; having a member of the opposite sex in a room if no adult chaperone is present and the room door is not visibly open (e.g., a garbage can may be used to adequately prop open a door); having a delegate or adviser of the opposite sex in a room without a third person present and the door visibly open; or for behavior unbecoming of a delegate.

12. Hotel Conduct: Failing to meet the professional standards of housing facilities; accruing incidental room charges (i.e., phone calls, room service, pay-per-view movies, etc.) without settling the account prior to checkout; throwing objects out the window or into the hallway; moving hotel furniture from rooms (e.g., onto the balcony); failing to follow hotel rules and regulations; inappropriate noise or verbal abuse; and not demonstrating respect for hotel guests not participating with the FCCLA conference.

ATTIRE

Be sure to dress in a way that reflects a positive, professional image of FCCLA. Expect the State Adviser or authorized adult to send you to your room to change if clothing does not meet the Florida FCCLA guidelines attached.

- Avoid wearing shorts, jeans, leggings, mini-skirts, sneakers, T-shirts, spaghetti straps, halters, midriff shirts, bedroom shoes, and other inappropriate attire to any general session or workshop.
- Any clothing that reveals one's anterior or posterior torso, midsection, or chest is not acceptable attire for the conference.
- Dress for the DINNER DANCE will be semi-formal, with either long or short dresses that are at least fingertip length for ladies. Suits or blazers with ties are appropriate for men. Delegates should avoid attire that is too short, tight, or revealing. Dress for all delegates attending the dance will be the same as their attire for the banquet.
- Fashion Show dress should be largely governed by all previously stated guidelines. The "Guidelines for Fashion Show" is the primary reference. Ladies and gentlemen are sensitive to their appearance on stage before a large audience.
- Modified casual dress is appropriate if there is a Dance Party. Delegates may not wear shorts or mini-skirts. Jeans are acceptable at this activity. Pants below the knee are also acceptable. Any clothing that reveals one's torso/midsection is not acceptable. Delegates wearing such clothing will remain at the hotel. Other previously stated guidelines apply.
- Beach robes with swimsuits and shoes must be worn to and from the pool. This is also the hotel's policy.



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EXPECTATIONS

- Notify your chapter adviser immediately, day or night, in the event of an accident or illness. In the event you cannot reach your adviser, notify hotel security.
- Bring a minimum amount of valuables to the conference. Keep money and jewelry with you at all times.
- Discuss with your adviser the amount of money needed. Bring only what you need. Traveler's checks are recommended. • **Be sure your adviser knows where you are at all times.**
- Keep your room doors locked at all times. If someone knocks, ask who it is before opening the door. Do not open the door for any stranger.
- Delegates will avoid playing loud music or exhibiting other loud noises from their rooms after curfew.
- **MEMBERS OF OPPOSITE GENDERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN EACH OTHER'S ROOMS** except in the presence of an adviser or chaperone. Violators will be subject to stringent disciplinary action.
- Under no circumstances should you give your room key to a stranger.
- Conference name badges must be worn to all sessions. Remove your badge if you leave the hotel.
- Attendees are **prohibited** from purchasing, possessing, or consuming tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or other illegal substances during the conference. This includes your travel to and from the hotel, in your room, on hotel property, and excursions off-site. Violators will be subject to stringent disciplinary action.
- Smoking is prohibited. Theft and vandalism is also prohibited.
- Fun, **clean dancing** will be acceptable at the scheduled dances. Inappropriate "moves" will result in the student being ejected from the dance. The music will cease if inappropriate behavior persists.
- Delegates violating conference policies will be referred to their adviser and school for disciplinary action. This may include being sent home at your parents' expense after notification of your parent/guardian. This may also result in chapter(s) being denied participation in future events (e.g., If a State Officer Candidate or Proficiency Event Participant are in violation, they will neither be allowed on stage nor in the competition.)
- **Students are to be in their assigned rooms by scheduled CURFEW times** and should remain there until 6:00 a.m. Violators will be picked up by security and taken to their chapter adviser. Security will also notify the State Adviser of the violation. Students not in their rooms past curfew may be subject to discipline. **The student's adviser will be notified (and possibly awakened) during that time.**
- Delegates will avoid pressing all the buttons on the elevators, disrupting the efficiency of the elevators, or misusing the fire alarm system. Remember, the comfort of other guests at the hotel should be considered.
- Delegates must be accompanied by their adviser when leaving the hotel.

In the past, FCCLA members have impressed hotel management with our general good behavior. We challenge you to not only maintain our positive standard, but also exceed our expectations.



CODE OF ETHICS FOR ADULT ADVISERS

Family and Consumer Sciences programs offer training to those students who have set career objectives and whose goals are geared toward leadership. Individual conduct and appearance is a phase of this training.

Since a good example is one method of teaching, and students participating in the conference are impressionable, a **Code of Ethics** is set for adult advisers.

It becomes the responsibility of each and every participant to see that proper conduct is adhered to at all times. Violations of these practices and procedures will be referred to the president of the Board of Directors for the Florida Association and Foundation of FCCLA, Inc.

- Advisers shall conduct daily meetings with participants for progress reports, time schedules and other activities.
- Advisers shall conduct nightly curfew checks to ensure that their students are in by curfew and remain in their rooms through the night.
- Advisers shall keep an agenda for each student so that they may be reached at any time during the conference.
- Each adviser shall be responsible for seeing that participants adhere to all conduct practices and procedures•

The rules as stated in the **Student Conduct** and the **Dress Code** are called to your attention for review and should govern the behavior of **advisers** as well as students.



2026 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DRESS CODE POLICY

The State Leadership Conference is an excellent opportunity for members to convey to others the positive and professional image of FCCLA. Members' behavior in the hotels and throughout the State Leadership Conference is the only image others in the hotel may ever have of our organization. Student conduct and dress should contribute to the positive and professional image of FCCLA. **Advisers are responsible for enforcing the dress policy with their students. Delegates and guests not adhering to the dress policy will not be admitted into sessions.** Thank you for your cooperation and support in putting forth a positive image of FCCLA throughout the State Leadership Conference!

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR GENERAL SESSIONS:

FCCLA Red Blazers are not required but encouraged to wear during the General Sessions.

MANDATORY ATTIRE FOR GENERAL SESSIONS / EXHIBITS / WORKSHOPS

- FCCLA Red blazer is encouraged
- Red, black, or white polo or professional white shirt (long or short sleeves)
- Black bottoms (slacks, skirt, sheath dress)
- Shoes (black preferred)
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear are NOT acceptable

ADVISERS / CHAPERONES / GUESTS

- Business professional
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear are NOT acceptable

Exception: Culinary Arts participants are welcome to wear their Chef's Attire during the STAR Events Recognition Sessions.

For Welcome Cookout and off site excursions: Casual Attire

All Attendees

- Casual slacks, blouse or shirt, socks and casual shoes
- Jeans, t-shirts and athletic shoes

For Dinner Dance:

For all attendees

- Semi-formal – semi-formal attire appropriate to school functions; business casual
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear and athletic shoes are NOT included in semi-formal attire

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE AT FCCLA SESSIONS:

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Extremely short skirts (shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Athletic clothing or Night wear (pajamas) should not be worn outside of your hotel room
- Swimwear or Rubber, beach type flip flops



Event Privacy Statement and Liability Disclaimer

Photography Consent:

By participating in the 2026 Florida FCCLA State Leadership Conference, organized by Florida FCCLA, participants hereby grant permission to Florida FCCLA and its designated photographers to capture and use their likeness in photographic, audio, or video material for promotional and documentation purposes related to the event. Participants understand and agree that these materials may be used in various media formats, including online and offline, without compensation, and waive any right to inspect or approve the final product.

Photography Opt-Out:

Participants who do not wish to be photographed or recorded during the event must notify the event organizers in writing prior to the event at info@flfccla.org.

Public Venue Disclaimer:

The 2026 Florida FCCLA State Leadership Conference is hosted at a public hotel, and participants acknowledge that public spaces within the hotel may not guarantee complete privacy. While Florida FCCLA will make reasonable efforts to respect the privacy of individuals, participants understand and accept that there is no guarantee by Florida FCCLA.

Liability Disclaimer:

Participants acknowledge that they (and their chapters/chaperones/guardians, if applicable) are responsible for their own safety and well-being during the 2026 Florida FCCLA State Leadership Conference. Florida FCCLA, its agents, employees, and representatives are not liable for any personal injury, property damage, death, or other loss sustained during the event. Participants voluntarily assume all risks and hazards associated with their attendance and participation in the event. No participants will be allowed to access any bodies of water (pools, lakes, etc...).

Hold Harmless Agreement:

By participating in the 2026 Florida FCCLA State Leadership Conference, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless Florida FCCLA, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or related to their attendance or participation in the event.

Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization:

In the event of a medical emergency, and unless there is no other prior agreement/authorization available in writing, inspectable at the time of transport, participants authorize Florida FCCLA to seek and consent to emergency medical treatment on their behalf.

Acceptance of Terms:

Participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this Privacy Statement and Liability Disclaimer and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. By registering for the conference as an attendee, all participants will be held responsible for all parts of the agreements.

This Privacy Statement and Liability Disclaimer is subject to change, and any updates will be communicated through the event website or other official channels.