

## *Rules and Regulations of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Against Violence Conference*

These guidelines are designed to insure that all participants in the conference enjoy a maximum learning experience in an environment conducive to an exchange of sharing ideas and concepts.

All participants are expected to adhere to the rules outlined.

Violations of any guidelines will be dealt with in and of the following manners:

1. Private counseling sessions with a staff member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission staff and the advisor.
2. For serious offenses, removal from the conference may occur. A parent or guardian will be asked to pick up the student.

### **Guidelines:**

#### **ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY.**

1. **Attendance:** Your participation and attendance at all activities, workshops, and meals are mandatory.
2. **Name Tags:** Your name tag must be worn during the entire conference. You must be wearing your name tag in order to be served food, to enter classrooms, and to have free access to the entire conference. If you lose your name tag, have your chaperone contact a member of the MLK, Jr. Commission staff for a replacement.
3. **Behavior:** All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a mature orderly manner at all times. Chaperones are responsible for the students assigned to them.
4. Students are required to support and abide by chaperone and/or other adult leadership.
5. **Visitors:** No visitors will be permitted during the conference. Conference participants may visit your room only with permission from chaperones.
6. **Remain on campus:** All participants are required to remain in the designated areas during the entire weekend. Certain areas are off limits due to insurance reasons. Chaperones should know where students are located **AT ALL TIMES**.
7. **Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Free:** This conference is promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Drugs, alcohol or tobacco use is strictly prohibited throughout the entire conference. Use of any prescription medication must be accompanied by a doctor's note and must be noted on your health form.
8. **Electronic Games/Headsets:** Electronic games, portable CD/radio/cassette players, radios, iPods etc. may not be used during any organized program. All cell phones must be turned off (not silent) during conference activities. We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items, so it is preferred that these items are not brought to the conference.
9. **Tidiness:** It is important that all participants leave the meeting facilities and dorms in as good as, or better, condition than they found it when they arrived so that we are able to hold future conferences on campus.
10. **Dress Code:** Dress appropriately at all times. Halter tops, mini skirts, caps, gang colors/logos, muscle shirts, short-shorts, and sagging pants will **NOT** be permitted.

**PARTICIPANTS MUST REFRAIN FROM PROFANITY OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE, SEXUAL INTERACTION OR BEING PRESENT WHERE SUCH BEHAVIOR IS BEING CONDUCTED, OR ANY BEHAVIOR WHICH VIOLATES STATE OR LOCAL LAWS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE YOUTH CONFERENCE.**