

## CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the participants, advisors and staff of the Michigan Youth In Government programs agree to uphold the following CODE OF CONDUCT.

- 1. Each participant shall conduct themselves in an orderly and responsible manner in transit to and from, and during all functions of the Michigan Youth In Government programs. Personal behavior reflects upon the quality of the program, one's delegation, the YMCA, school and one's self. Participants are expected to conform to all regulations on the honor system.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/ or (Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials)*
- 2. Participation in all dimensions of the program shall be maintained on an intellectual and productive level.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges)*
- 3. Nametags shall be worn at all times when outside assigned lodging facility room. Nametags shall be worn visibly on the front of the upper torso.** *Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Dean and possibly (Lose position or privileges)*
- 4. Each participant shall attend all scheduled program functions, activities, meetings and training sessions.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/ or (Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials)*
- 5. Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any other menacing behavior will not be tolerated at any Michigan Youth In Government function, activity, meeting and training session.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/ or (Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials) and/ or (Call security) or (Summon police)*
- 6. The use, possession or concealment of incense, candles, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is forbidden at any Michigan Youth In Government function, activity, meeting and training session.** *(Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials) and/ or (Call security) or (Summon police)*
- 7. The use, possession or concealment of any weapons is forbidden at any Michigan Youth In Government function.** *(Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials) and/ or (Call security) or (Summon police)*
- 8. The use, possession or concealment of personal electronic devices is not allowed. Laptops are permitted for official purposes only. Small hand-held, palm sized compact disk players will be permitted during hotel free time.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possible (Lose position or privileges)*
- 9. Each participant is legally and financially responsible for any removal, defacing or willful damage to public or private property. This includes the property of fellow participants, advisors and staff, organizations, businesses, lodging and conference facilities, and the State of Michigan.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/ or (Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials) and/ or (Call security) or (Summon police)*
- 10. Materials and furnishings of officials and employees in the State Government, lodging and conference facilities, State Convention facility and any other facility in use by a Michigan Youth In Government participant, group or delegation shall not be removed or tampered with in any manner.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/ or (Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials) and/ or (Call security)*
- 11. No participant shall leave a program function unless the approval of his or her advisor AND the State Youth In Government office is secured. The participant must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian.** *(Call parents-send home) and/ or (Notify school officials)*

- 12. Participants shall not leave the lodging facility except while in transit to or from an official program activity or function or during lunch or dinner breaks. Participants may not use or be transported in private vehicles during any program function without approval of a parent or legal guardian and adult advisor and the state Youth In Government office.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 13. All program participants are not permitted in rooms, other than their own, unless the door is open.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 14. Lodging facility room switches will not be permitted without the approval of the delegation advisor and the State Youth In Government office.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 15. Participants shall observe quiet hours in consideration of those who choose to retire. Participants shall be in, and remain in, their assigned lodging facility room by the curfew listed in the official program schedule. Curfew will remain in effect until 6:00 AM the following morning.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 16. Visitors, alumni or non-conference members are not permitted in the lodging facility during evening activities unless approved by the State Youth In Government office. Visitors, alumni or non-conference members are not permitted in lodging facility guest sleeping rooms at any time. Participants shall not invite or receive visitors other than family members.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 17. Guests and official observers to the Capitol, State Office Building, Judicial Center, convention facilities or lodging facility meeting rooms are restricted to lobbies and visitors' galleries unless approval is secured from the State Youth In Government office.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans and possibly (Call security) or (Summon police)*
- 18. Participants, advisors and staff will dress appropriately during scheduled program activities and official functions. Appropriate dress for men: dress pants, dress shirt, tie, jacket or sweater, or suit. Appropriate dress for women: dress pants or skirt and top, dress or suit. For men and women: jeans, tennis shoes or sandals are not appropriate during official functions. Casual dress is appropriate for most evening activities. Personal attire reflects upon the attitude, quality, purpose and dignity of the entire Michigan Youth In Government program.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans)*
- 19. Chewing gum, candy, food and beverages are not permitted in the Capitol Building or courtrooms.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*
- 20. The lodging facility pool may be used only during specified posted times.** *(Discretion of State Youth In Government Staff or Hotel Deans) and possibly (Lose position or privileges)*