



New Mexico DECA Adult Delegate Code of Conduct

As leaders and teachers of emerging leaders and young professionals, it is important that we prepare our students to have a safe, fulfilling experience at our conferences. New Mexico DECA recognizes the importance of all adult conference delegates upholding the highest standards of behavior and decorum to model a positive example for our students and ensure the continued success of our organization. It is expected of all conference delegates, and especially our adult leaders, to live out the DECA values of Competence, Integrity, Teamwork, and Innovation in all our formal and informal interactions at DECA events.

In order to ensure these standards, the New Mexico DECA Board of Directors has adopted the following Adult Delegate Code of Conduct. The rules stated below shall govern the conduct of all adult conference delegates throughout the duration of the time that the adult delegate could reasonably be expected to provide supervision or assistance to students during or en route to/from a New Mexico DECA event.

1. Adult delegates shall make a good faith effort to attend all conference general sessions from start to finish with their entire chapter delegation.
2. Adult delegates shall promote clean, powerful and positive usage of social media outlets utilized by their chapter members and themselves.
3. Adult delegates shall refrain from using inappropriate or profane language at all times.
4. Adult delegates shall refrain from verbal, physical or sexual harassment, hazing or name-calling during official conference dates.
5. Adult delegates shall fulfill conference assignments related to chaperoning duties and competitive event management roles (all advisors will receive event assignments for each conference they attend). This includes attending all official advisor meetings.
6. Adult delegates shall maintain the limits of professional, appropriate relationships with all student members.
7. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damage to any property or furnishing in the hotel rooms or building must be paid for by the individual or chapter responsible. Adult delegates should ensure that their students clean up private and public spaces they have occupied and/or utilized.
8. Adult delegates shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illicit substances in any form at any time.
9. Adult delegates shall not possess weapons or other dangerous items at any time.
10. Adult delegates shall adhere to a professional dress code in line with conference policies.



11. Advisors (with the assistance of other adult delegates) shall conduct daily meetings with participants to review schedules and ensure that students are prepared to participate in all appropriate conference activities.
12. Adult delegates should make their best effort to ensure that all student delegates remain in their own sleeping room with the door closed and maintaining a reasonable noise level throughout the duration of published conference curfew.
13. Adult delegates shall never extend curfew beyond the published conference curfew for any reason. Ensure that students are quiet and respectful at the hotel in the evening hours leading up to and after curfew. Adult delegates shall check rooms at curfew to be sure all students are where they need to be and stay up at least 30 minutes past curfew to be sure all is quiet and students remain in their rooms.
14. Adult delegates should ensure that their chapter's delegates (including all adult delegates) are on time for all coordinated conference transportation (including charter busses and flights). Delegates who are not present for conference transportation at announced departure times may be left behind and will need to arrange alternative transportation at their own expense.
15. Chapters shall maintain an adult-to-student delegate ratio in compliance with conference policies during the entire duration of the event, including overnight. Chapters who share chaperoning duties shall enforce curfew and conference policies for members of both chapters.

Any violation of the Adult Delegate Code of Conduct shall be addressed using any or all of the following disciplinary actions:

1. Any New Mexico DECA member, volunteer, or staff members may submit a formal written grievance detailing any violations by adult delegates with the New Mexico DECA Board of Directors, as well as any actions taken to address the behavior on-site, up to one week after the conclusion of the conference in which the violation occurred. Any grievances will be addressed in compliance with New Mexico DECA's Whistle Blower Policy. The subject of any grievance will be notified by the Board of Directors and given up to one week to respond in writing to the grievance. After reviewing the grievance and response, if deemed necessary, the Board of Directors may elect to send a formal written notice of violation to an adult delegate's school administrators detailing the violation. In severe circumstances, the Board may formally inform the school that the adult delegate is no longer allowed to attend New Mexico DECA events for a specific period of time, up to indefinitely.
2. In extreme circumstances, and in consultation with the Board of Directors, adult delegates may be instructed by conference staff to leave a conference activity or to leave the conference altogether. If an adult delegate is instructed to leave a conference, the chapter shall be responsible for arranging additional adult supervision for student delegates in coordination with school administration, as well as any transportation costs which may be incurred.



All adult delegates shall review this form prior to each conference in order to be eligible to attend New Mexico DECA events. The chapter advisor shall sign and return this form to New Mexico DECA prior to the beginning of the conference. Please turn in at registration.

Chapter Name

Advisor Name

By signing below, I certify that all adult delegates planning to attend the conference with my chapter have reviewed the Adult Delegate Code of Conduct and understand all of the rules and processes outlined in it.

Advisor Signature

School Year