



## Code of Student Conduct

BEST expects all teams and official school supporters accompanying them to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while participating in the competition. This includes all activities associated with their participation in the event, including travel, hotel, restaurant, sightseeing, etc.

Appropriate conduct of teams and official supporters is the sole responsibility of the teacher(s) and other adult chaperones, who at all times have legal responsibility as supervisors for their students. Students should be under the supervision of the teacher or chaperones during all excursions and competition activities, and in hotels and restaurants. It is the responsibility of teachers and chaperones to enforce a curfew and other conduct code regulations.

Behavior in hotels and event sites will be monitored and assessed both during and after the event. Students who violate the conduct code at any point during events are subject to suspension from remaining competition activities. Additionally, BEST reserves the right to refuse participation in future competitions, for a time deemed appropriate by BEST officials, to any school whose team behavior has been disruptive or inappropriate.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Damage or vandalism of any property.
- Appropriation of memorabilia or items not considered "guest complimentary" (such as towels) from hotels, restaurants, and competition activity sites.
- Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students regardless of age.
- Use of water pistols, water balloons, or other creative missiles at hotels, restaurants, or competition sites.
- Fighting or loud/foul language or other behavior that is disruptive to others in hotels, restaurants, and competition sites.
- Disruptive and excessive noise during activities other than the actual competition.

Financial liability for all damages or losses incurred by actions of any team members and supporters shall be the sole responsibility of those students' schools.

Dress that includes shirts/T-shirts and shoes are expected of all students during the events. Distractive apparel that displays design or language of a crude nature shall be considered inappropriate.