

SLS CONFERENCE RULES & EXPECTATIONS 2026

**Please review carefully with students and adults*

These rules are designed to ensure that all participants enjoy a maximum learning experience in an environment conducive to an exchange and sharing of ideas and concepts. Conference participants who violate these regulations will be subject to **disciplinary action, which may include being sent home and/or a report made to the participant's parents or guardians, or administrator.** All participants are expected to abide by these conference regulations regardless of age. **ALL RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

ATTENDANCE: Student and adult participation and attendance at workshops, general sessions and all conference activities are **mandatory.**

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE: SLS follows school dress codes. Conference is at a hotel resort and conference center. Conference may include outside activities (weather permitting) Please bring appropriate winter clothing such as, coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.

BEHAVIOR: All participants are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Including no girls in boy's hotel rooms and vice versa unless advisor is present. Behavior that falls below generally accepted standards may result in removal.

CURFEW: When conference activities are finished for the day all students must report to their hotel room. At no time may students leave their room or hotel once curfew is in place.

CELL PHONES: All participants are expected to have all cell phones off or on silent while in workshops or general sessions. There will be no phone use of any kind during any presentations. Respect and courtesy of presenters and conference activities are expected.

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Intentional damage/theft of hotel or personal property is strictly prohibited. Disciplinary action will include financial remuneration for such damage or theft and removal from event.

SAFETY: Nametags must be worn throughout conference. All conference participants must stay within designated hotel and activity areas. Advisors must be informed of student locations throughout conference. Absolutely NO WEAPONS of any kind are allowed on the premises by students or adults. Any participant (regardless of age) found with a weapon will be removed from the conference immediately and will be reported to the police.

SMOKING: This is a **no smoking** conference. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, vape pens, e-cigs, etc. by adults or students is **not** permitted.

USE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS: Any participant found to be under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages or other drugs, will be immediately removed from the conference. **This includes any adult, speaker or conference guest (regardless of age).** Advisors or medical staff must be informed of prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

An offending student's advisor will be involved in disciplinary decisions however, the SLS supervision staff and conference coordinator will take final action. Disciplinary actions, depending on the severity may include and are not limited to the following: VERBAL WARNINGS, TIME OUTS, and/or DISMISSAL FROM EVENT. Depending on the severity of the event, parents and/or school principals will be notified.