



CAREER TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CTSO) & OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

CTSO includes Business Professionals of America (BPA), Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), HOSA, and SkillsUSA. These organizations sponsor skills and leadership conferences that extend past class time, and may be in or out of the city. In addition to CTSO, there are other approved student organizations that sponsor events.

If any of the following conditions apply to me at anytime during the school year, I may not be approved to participate in any state or national conference:

1. If I am ineligible at Meridian Technology Center or at my home high school.
2. If I have excessive absences and/or tardies.
3. Formal probation for any reason in either Semester I or II (reasons might include poor attendance, excessive tardies, disciplinary actions, low academic performance, truancy, etc.).
4. Violation of the Student Handbook guidelines.

If I register for any CTSO or other student organization event, I will be expected to attend activities including awards ceremonies. If I elect not to attend an event after I am registered, I will be responsible for reimbursing Meridian Technology Center for any registration, hotel, and transportation fees the school has paid on my behalf.

Students are expected to adhere to certain guidelines:

1. A student will not be allowed to leave a contest/conference location with a family member without advanced written request by the student and/or written approval by the Director of Instruction from student's program area. In addition, secondary students must have written parental permission. Any changes in transportation arrangements must be made prior to leaving for any CTSO Activity. The advisor responsible for the student must personally meet the family member before the student will be allowed to depart.
2. Your behavior and appearance at all times should be such that it reflects credit to you, your school and your organization. Wear nametags at all activities. School Dress Code is in effect for all participants.
3. Student conduct is the responsibility of the students and the local chapter advisor. Students shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times. Students are not to leave the conference premises at any time without their advisor.
4. No more than four students are assigned to each hotel room. We will place secondary students & adult students in different rooms. Students will not be in any room that they are not assigned to.
5. Participants are expected to adhere to the designated curfew. Curfew means in your own room by the designated time.
6. Be prompt and prepared for all conference sessions and individual competitive events.
7. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Participants will pay any and all damages. Room damage already present when you arrive should be reported upon check-in to insure no charges will be made to you.
8. No tobacco use while wearing official CTSO attire or uniform, in public areas and hotel rooms, or by anyone under the age of 18.
9. Incidental charges to hotel rooms will be the responsibility of the individual making the charges.
10. No participant shall be in possession or under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or controlled dangerous substance.
11. District transportation will be provided. In order for an adult student to drive a personal vehicle to a contest/conference site, the student must complete Adult Student Transportation Information form.
12. Report any accidents, injuries to your advisor immediately.

You need to be aware that consequences will result from violations of these guidelines and those in the Student Handbook. If these violations are repeated or serious, consequences may include the following:

- * I may be sent home at my own or my parent/guardian's expense following notification of the Programs Director of Instruction and of my parent/guardian.
- * I may be barred from receiving any awards and may be eliminated from competitive event(s) or from continuing as an officer for my organization.