

Code of Conduct

Arizona Thespian Code of Conduct

- **Act well your part.** Arizona Thespians involves participants with a wide range of beliefs and ideas. We encourage an open mind, and require that all thespians remain courteous and respectful at all times. Your behavior should be such that it reflects credit to you, your school/Troupe and Arizona Thespians.
- **There are no small parts.** Every thespian, coach, adult, judge and guest are essential to the theatre community. Therefore, promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in all the activities.
- **Know your audience.** The acting festivals are an educational tool, used to connect students, teachers and theatre advocates with similar interests and to expand our knowledge base. Just as you would in any educational environment, refrain from inappropriate language, and comments about others.
- **YES and...** Thespian festivals are meant to be a positive experience for anyone who chooses to participate, do not be abusive, profane, threatening, or offensive. Think before you act. Following the code of conduct is the responsibility of the local troupe advisor and student. Students shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
- **SHHHHH!** Thespians themselves do the best monitoring of an activity. If you see any inappropriate or offensive behavior during an activity, please let someone know. Be on time to all activities.
- **All the world's a stage.** You always have an audience. This means you are accountable for your own actions. If you wouldn't perform it for your parent/guardian, your principal or a school board member, don't put it in our stage. Respect the privacy of others. The Arizona Thespians is not responsible for any consequences you experience resulting from anything you have performed. If a Thespian is responsible for stealing or vandalism, the student and his/her parents will be expected to pay any and all damages.
- **Rewrites.** We reserve the right to update or change these guidelines.
- **Copyright.** If it's not yours, get permission before you perform it.
- **Curtain Calls.** This code of conduct applies to all theatre coaches, chaperones, alumni, students and judges involved in interscholastic festivals and activities. Student Thespians may not purchase, consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any time. Smoking tobacco/e cigarettes/vaporizer is prohibited at all Thespian activities. Students, Coaches, Chaperones, Alumni or Judges who violate this code will be disciplined by the Steering Committee. Disciplinary actions may range from a letter of apology, removal from Festivals, or being sanctioned from AZ Thespian Activities.

This Code of Conduct may be updated at any time. We reserve the right to terminate or restrict the access of any user who does not abide by these guidelines. (Revised 2016)

Coach _____
Signature

Team _____ (all students please sign on back)
Signature

Judge _____
Signature