

FLORIDA THESPIANS STUDENT CODE OF CIVILITY

A code of civility is essential to promote a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants in Florida State Thespian Society, Inc. events. Students participating in any Florida State Thespian Society, Inc. event agree to:

- **Respect** the staff, adjudicators, guests, and other students
- **Take responsibility** for one's choices and actions
- **Be accountable** for one's actions
- **Be polite, courteous, and thoughtful** when interacting with others
- **Respect diverse backgrounds** and experiences even if they differ from your own
- **Welcome feedback** from others with an open mind (they are striving to help you)
- **Demonstrate** self-awareness, self-control, empathy, and respect.

If you witness unprofessional behavior from anyone involved with the festival (adjudicators, workshop presenters, venue staff, etc.):

Bring it to the attention of your Troupe Director, who will then bring it to the District Chair. The District Chair will, along with the Troupe Director, bring the matter before the appropriate festival staff members.

1. After addressing the immediate situation, any serious incidents will be forwarded to the State Chapter Director for review.
 - a. In the event you are not comfortable involving your Troupe Director, you are encouraged to bring the information to your District Student Representative or other District leadership directly.
2. Students who violate the code of civility may be removed from the festival, or event, and could be prevented from participation in future Florida State Thespian Society, Inc. events.
3. Posting disparaging, derogatory, or defamatory remarks about Florida State Thespian Society, Inc., or individuals working in association with Florida State Thespian Society, Inc. to any social media platform is considered slander and is NOT a part of the process. Slander in the state of Florida is a first degree misdemeanor.

A code of civility ensures that everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to share their unique perspectives within the Florida State Thespian Society, Inc., fostering a positive, diverse, equitable, and inclusive space for artistic expression and community.