

IOWA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Iowa State University

Ames, Iowa

October 26 & 27, 2025

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

CONFERENCE COSTS

The registration fee for the conference is \$40.00 per student and per advisor until October 20. Student presenters (up to **three** per school) are \$15. Some schools allow more students to attend by having each student pay all or part of his or her registration fee. The same arrangement holds true for handling hotel expenses. This enables entire councils to participate. Iowa High School Athletic Association will send out invoices after the event. We will NOT be able to accept credit cards this year. Please let me know if you need an invoice in advance.

PARKING AND ENTRANCE

Please park in the north lot and enter through the north doors of CY Stephens.

SNACKS

Please feel free to give your students a granola bar or similar snack prior to attending on Sunday night. Attendees are allowed to bring a water bottle.

REGISTRATION

Registration tables will be in CY Stephens at Iowa State University. Please enter through the north doors. Registration begins at 5:30 PM Sunday and 8:45 AM Monday for schools attending only Monday's sessions. Each advisor will receive an envelope containing programs, name tags, wrist bands, an Honor Council plaque if applicable, and other information. **For the safety of our attendees, name tags are to be worn at all times during the conference.** The envelopes are organized by the name of the CITY and then school represented. The advisor from each school is asked to go to the registration table upon arrival, state the name of their city and school and pick up the envelope for their school.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

Dress for the conference is casual. For Sunday night a school t-shirt or sweatshirt with jeans is appropriate. On Monday students and advisors wear a Student Council t-shirt and jeans.

SESSION LOCATIONS

Sessions will be in the Scheman Building and in CY Stephens.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

There are four twenty-five minute break-out sessions. Attendees will select from approximately 20 different topics. It is recommended that students from the same school attend different sessions to enable a broad coverage of the conference. If the chairs in a session are filled, students will be expected to select another session. Students are asked not to stand along the sides, bring in additional chairs, or sit on the floor. If a session is full, students can find another session to attend. It is up to each advisor to make sure their students are held accountable for attending the sessions provided. Please encourage your students to get the most that they can from this conference.

LUNCH

Lunch is on your own after the illumination ceremony and awards.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Several hotels in Ames are offering special rates for Sunday, October 27. For more rates and reservation information go to:

[Hotels with Discounts 2025](#)

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITY

Sunday evening registration will begin at 5:30 PM in the commons. Sunday activities will include a student council exchange, District gatherings, energizers, awards, talent showcase, and special guests.

SUNDAY EVENING GUIDELINES

Students associated with this conference should not be allowed to roam their hotel without appropriate adult supervision. We realize that we are dealing with student leaders and are hopeful that they will conduct themselves as such. Our past experience has indicated that it takes only one student to damage the reputation of an entire school delegation. Extra security measures will be taken by the hotels to prevent occurrences of vandalism within the hotels and the hotel rooms. Individual schools occupying rooms where vandalism has occurred will be contacted after the conference. Please check each room on the morning of the conference before check out at the hotel to make sure students have left rooms in an appropriate manner. For the liability protection of advisors and adult chaperones, we strongly discourage allowing any student to leave the hotel on Sunday evening, for whatever reason, without an adult chaperone. One adult chaperone is recommended for every 10 students in attendance. Advisors are expected to be in attendance at Sunday evening's program with their students for supervisory purposes. We ask for your complete support and cooperation with supervision.

CODE FOR BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

A "Code for Behavioral Expectations" adopted and revised in 2000 by the Iowa Association of Student Councils Advisory Board, is included in this mailing. Please sit down with your students

before leaving for the conference and make sure they understand these expectations, as well as a consequence for their actions. **The 10:30 PM CURFEW will be in effect on Sunday evening.** This means that all students attending this conference and staying in any motel/hotel in the Ames area on that Sunday evening are to be in their assigned rooms at this time. Advisors/chaperones are ultimately responsible for supervision and for seeing that the delegates attending from their respective schools adhere to the behavioral expectations. There will be other hotel guests staying at the motels/hotels in Ames on this Sunday evening that are not with this conference. It is imperative that students demonstrate mature and considerate behavior so that all guests have an enjoyable stay at their respective motels/hotels.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Advisors, as a safety precaution, IAStuCo advises that you have the cell phone numbers of all students attending the conference. When you enter Iowa State University, become aware of all entrances and exits. Talk to your students about a place to meet in case of an emergency and the building needs to be evacuated. Please sit with your students during the general session.

Thank you for your support and continued participation. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Kim Gile at gilek@oskycsd.org. There will be hosts, IHSA staff and IAStuCo board members assisting at the information desk in the commons on the day of the conference if you need assistance with anything.