

New Mexico

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Boys State & Girls State

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GENERAL RULES

Citizens of NM Boys/Girls State are here chiefly to learn how government is conducted through actual practice. You will, as far as possible, govern yourself accordingly. All Counselors are here to advise you on any problems or procedure.

- A. Absence from the grounds of the school will be possible only by written permission from the Director. Such permission will be granted only in case of emergency.
- B. NM Boys/Girls State will be policed by the NM Boys/Girls State system inherent to the city, county and state under the direction of the counseling staff; ordinances, resolutions and laws passed by the city, county and state will be enforced.
- C. All building and equipment are either the property of NM Boys/Girls State or Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.
- D. **VANDALISM:** Anyone caught in the act of willful destruction will be reported to the Director for further action.
- E. No recreational activities will be permitted except during official recreational periods. At all other times Citizens will be attending to their duties.
- F. Sick call will be observed. Every illness, particularly colds, fevers and stomach disorders must be reported immediately. Every accident, no matter how slight, particularly cuts, sprains, scratches, and blisters must be reported to your Counselor at once. Do not wait for sick call.
- G. Formations: In order to move from place to place quickly and efficiently and in an orderly and safe manner, cities will meet at designated places and will march informally to their destinations.
- H. Badges and T-shirts: Must be worn at all times except at bedtime and recreational periods. Clip your badge on the upper left-hand corner of the NM Boys/Girls State emblem on your t-shirt.
- I. Smoking, vaping, alcohol or other unlawful drugs in rooms, dormitories or buildings will not be permitted at any time.
- J. Exercise: All Citizens will participate in brief, relaxed exercise sessions each morning.
- K. Punctuality is required for all formations, such as lowering of the colors and assemblies and as designated by your counselor.
- L. You are encouraged to take part in voluntary morning invocations.
- M. You must salute the Flag of our Country.
- N. Campaign material pre-printed or otherwise will not be allowed.
- O. Boys' State materials, including, t-shirts will not be defaced in any manner.
- P. **Fraternization:** Participants are encouraged to develop and maintain professional relationships and friendships, so long as these relationships do not interfere with the effective functioning of the NM Boys/Girls State program. Romantic relationships of any kind are not permitted.
- Q. **Driving:** Delegates are not permitted to drive while at the NM Boys/Girls State session. If you bring your own car, your keys must be turned into the Director/State Police upon arrival at NM Boys/Girls State.
- R. **Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices:** The use of cell phones during session are limited to accessing the daily agenda, and for speeches during campaigning. Cell phones are not permitted during any meetings in classrooms or auditorium for use other than previously specified. Delegates are permitted to use their phones socially when in the dorms, during meals or recreation time.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a citizen of the New Mexico Boys/Girls State of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New Mexico, I voluntarily make the following pledge:

1. I understand that this is an Americanism program, (For God and Country) and that it is a study of City, County, and State Governments. I will take an active part in the affairs of the party, city, and county to which I am assigned.
2. I will salute the Flag of our Country.
3. I will treat NM Boys/Girls State staff, citizens, guests, campus personnel and others with respect.
4. I will not discriminate against, harass, or otherwise target any NM Boys/Girls State staff, citizens, guests, or others based on their religion, race, color, creed, national origin, or any characteristic, physical or otherwise.
5. I will not engage in profanity, vulgarity, or rowdiness; I will not use religious, racial, ethnic, or any other disparaging epithets and will always conduct myself as a leader.
6. I will be available for the entire NM Boys/Girls State session and will not request permission for late arrival or early departure unless an emergency arises.
7. I will not leave campus without permission in writing from the Director.
8. I will protect and conserve all NM Boys/Girls State or campus property. I will not trespass upon grounds, buildings, etc., which are designated as off limits.
9. I will write email, text or Facebook my family while at NM Boys/Girls State.
10. I will not bring firearms, knives, fireworks, water pistols, balloons, or any other device which may cause injury or disturbance.
11. I will not bring or use any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vaping products, or unlawful drugs while at NM Boys/Girls State.
12. I will listen to all speakers with attention and respect and expect all others to do the same while speaking.
13. I will not campaign or prepare campaign material prior to my arrival on campus.
14. I will abide by lights out times and remain quiet until morning reveille.
15. I will keep myself clean and well groomed. I will keep my quarters clean, organized and up to the inspection standards given by the NM Boys/Girls State staff.
16. I will accept responsibility of payment for destruction of the Eastern New Mexico University, NM Boys/Girls State, or other property, which I may have caused or may be stated orally during the session.
17. I will obey the rules of the NM Boys/Girls State.
18. I will respect the judgment of the NM Boys/Girls State Director(s) and Counselors.

I have read and understand the General Rules and Code of Conduct of New Mexico Boys/Girls State. My signature and that of my guardian constitute an agreement to abide by these rules and regulations as well as any additional rules stated orally during the session.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Note: Please sign and bring this form, along with your **Medical Statement, Photo Release and Legislation Project** with you and turn in at Registration. **THESE FORMS ARE A MUST!**

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