

Code of Student Conduct for AISNE Student Conferences

Attending an AISNE Student Conference is the same as attending other events or participating in field trips, travel, or activities organized by or associated with the student's Home School. The student's Home School rules (or school trip, travel, and activity rules) apply to its students attending an AISNE Student Conference. Additionally, AISNE has set forth its own expectations and policies, which serve to guide participants and act in conjunction with—not as a replacement of—the Home School's own policies.

AISNE holds high expectations for its entire community. We expect each student to be a positive, contributing member of the conference experience; therefore, it is the responsibility of every student to abide by the following principles:

- Each student's dignity and right to learn are to be honored at all times;
- All aspects of human diversity are to be respected at all times;
- Honesty is expected in all dealings;
- All student attendees, presenters, chaperones, and event/venue staff are to be treated with courtesy; and
- Personal property and Regis College's campus and facilities are to be treated with respect and care.

While each student is responsible for their behavior, the School and its conference chaperone(s) are ultimately responsible for their students during the event. AISNE expects all students and adults to abide by its rules and chaperones to support these policies. Should participants have any questions about AISNE's expectations, or if they are concerned about another participant's conduct, they should inform their chaperone(s), who, in turn, should inform AISNE.

Each student bears some responsibility for what happens in their presence and is expected to take reasonable action against unauthorized activities. AISNE expects that a student will take steps to avoid the scene of any activity that is against AISNE's rules. Ideally, a student would



actively discourage such activity. *Students who willingly and knowingly violate their respective Home School's rules or AISNE's expectations may face disciplinary action.*

Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation

Students should expect to be treated with respect and consideration and be able to interact and learn in an environment free from concern about their personal welfare.

AISNE prohibits discrimination or harassment of any student based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, socioeconomic status, housing status, academic status, gender identity or expression, physical appearance, pregnancy or parenting status, sexual orientation, mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities. This prohibition applies to other students, event/venue staff or community members, chaperones, and presenters. In addition, consistent with Massachusetts state law, each participant has the right to be protected from bullying, in-person and online.

Students who believe that they have been subject to discrimination, harassment, or bullying are encouraged to report the matter promptly to an adult accompanying them to the conference. It is unlawful to retaliate against an individual for filing a complaint of discrimination or harassment based on protected status, for filing a complaint of bullying, or for cooperating in an investigation of such a complaint.

Respect for Property

We expect students to respect Regis College's campus, community property, and the property of others. Stealing and willful destruction of or damage to the property of others, including Regis property, seriously undermines the quality of trust necessary at a large conference.

AISNE recognizes that students have legitimate privacy interests in their belongings. However, a student's privacy interests are not absolute, particularly when those interests collide with real or perceived dangers to that student or to others or when they collide with real or perceived violations of conference rules and regulations or of federal, state, or local laws. AISNE accordingly reserves the right to reasonably inspect, search, and/or seize any student's

belongings or property at any time that chaperones, AISNE and/or Regis staff, or law enforcement officials reasonably believe that safety and/or students' welfare is in jeopardy or when they collide with real or perceived violations of AISNE's rules and regulations, or of federal, state, or local laws.

Mobile Phones/Devices on Campus

Students are permitted to bring mobile phones (or iPads, etc.) to the conference solely for the purpose of communicating with family regarding travel schedules or concerns. In order to ensure that all participants can be fully engaged and present in all conference sessions and also to protect the privacy of other participants, mobile devices are expected to remain used only for emergencies.

Sexual Harassment

AISNE Student Conferences endeavor to maintain an environment free from sexual harassment for students and adults. AISNE does not tolerate verbal or physical

behavior that constitutes sexual harassment. Most unwelcome and/or harassing behavior results from ignorance and flirting or teasing that is not welcome or that becomes excessive. Being sensitive to other people's feelings and communicating clearly are the best ways to prevent sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as behavior involving a single instance or repeated instances of inappropriate verbal and/or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

AISNE takes seriously all complaints of sexual harassment or retaliation, and will investigate each complaint if appropriate under the circumstances. A student who wishes to report any alleged violation of AISNE's sexual harassment policy, including any instance of sexual abuse, should contact a trusted adult at their school.

Sexual behavior of any sort during the conference is inappropriate.

Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

Participants attending AISNE Student Conferences deserve to be in a safe environment. Use of, or being under the influence of, illegal drugs, prescription medication (if not taken as prescribed), alcohol, tobacco, and e-cigarettes during the conference is prohibited. Distribution of these substances to others, whether for a fee or not, is also prohibited.

Weapons and Dangerous Possessions

Nothing that is dangerous to oneself or others should be brought to the conference. This includes fireworks or firearms of any kind, explosives, combustibles, razor blades, or knives. Additionally, AISNE does not allow students to bring actual or toy guns or weapons to the conference.

Identity-Related Aggressions

Central to AISNE's mission is an appreciation of similarities and differences of perspectives and identities, and the interdependence of all people. We expect that the dignity of each community member will be respected and valued at all times. Any discriminatory actions, behaviors, or incidents that devalue a conference participant based on their identity are unacceptable and will be addressed.

Discipline Guidelines

All conference participants, presenters, chaperones, and staff working to bring the conference to life deserve to be treated with respect and care. Students and adults are expected to uphold this standard of behavior. Failure to treat others with respect will not be tolerated.

The following are examples of inappropriate behavior:

- Physical and/or verbal abuse of adults, students, conference presenters, or conference staff;
- Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- Improper sexual conduct;
- Sexual or other harassment;
- Threat or use of physical violence;



- Possession or use of matches, lighters, fireworks, explosives, weapons or other dangerous materials;
- Willful destruction of property;
- Violation of personal property or personal space;
- Stealing;
- Repeated acts of unkindness, rudeness, or misconduct;

Should AISNE determine that any participant has violated these expectations, that individual may be precluded from further participation in AISNE events. They may also

be subject to other consequences, as determined by their Home School. If a student is asked to leave the conference, their chaperone(s) and Home School will be contacted and will be responsible for making arrangements to escort the student home.

AISNE may communicate with any participant's Home School about any misconduct or other inappropriate behavior involving that individual during the conference.

If misconduct or inappropriate behavior involves students from more than one school, the schools and their chaperones are expected to work together to address the issue and redress it.