



Standards of Behavior for Minor Participants Participating in
Activities and Programs with Minor Participants

Minors participating in activities and programs with minor participants sponsored by Ohio State are required to conduct themselves according to the following standards of behavior. These standards operate in conjunction with the guidelines and regulations of the specific activity or program.

Minor participation expectations:

- Be responsible for own behavior, uphold high standards for self and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior
• Practice good citizenship, leadership and self-control
• Show respect to others, be courteous and respectful
• Use appropriate language at all times
• Be supervised by activity/program personnel at all times in which privacy would not be expected (restrooms, overnight stays, etc)

The following behaviors and actions are not permitted at The Ohio State University in activities or programs with minor participants:

- Actions that bully, tease, dominate, or display sexualized behavior toward others
• Disrespect of others, unsportsmanlike, unethical, immoral conduct
• Improper language, e.g., profanity
• Possession or consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs, including the use of tobacco by a minor
• Possession or use of harmful objects with the intent to harm or intimidate others, e.g., weapons, fireworks
• Being in spaces in which you are not permitted to be (including but not limited to unsupervised spaces, another's room, etc)
• Destruction or theft of property
• Violation of rules, including established curfew, when applicable
• Other conduct determined to be inappropriate for youth development

Violations of the standards of behavior will be handled as follows:

1. If a chaperone is present for the minor involved in the violation, this person will be made aware of the violation.
2. The parents will be notified of the incident and actions taken. When necessary, arrangements will be made to remove the minor from the activity or program.
3. The minor can/may be barred from participating in future Ohio State activities and programs with minor participants.
4. When warranted (e.g., violation of law) the situation may be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authority.

Staff/volunteer expectations:

- Will not have private contact with minors, including electronically
• Refrain from any criminal conduct
• Endeavor to provide a safe and healthy experience for all participants
• Report any child abuse or neglect in accordance with university policy

If you suspect or know that a staff member or volunteer is not acting in accordance to these expectations, please contact the activity or program director immediately. Additional information can be found at: go.osu.edu/protectionofminors

I, _____, as a participant in an activity or program with minor participants, _____,
(name of minor, print) (name of activity/program, print)

have read these standards of behavior and agree to accept and follow them. I also accept the consequences for my actions if I choose not to follow the standards of behavior.

Minor signature _____ Date _____

I, we _____ have read the standards of behavior and support my minor's participation in the
(parent/guardian, print)
activity/program.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____