



September 2023

Dear Ontario DECA Chapter Advisors:

It is of extreme importance that **ALL STUDENTS**, either overnight guests at any of the DECA-approved hotel properties or day registrants at the competition, have an advisor present for supervision, **AT ALL TIMES**. It is understood that gaining release time from your school or board may be difficult; however, chapters that have registered for the Provincial must have the guarantee of their advisor(s) being present. Students booking overnight accommodation on their own, regardless of age or parent's consent, are strictly forbidden.

Students attending the Ontario DECA Provincial Competition February 9 – 10, 2024, who are not supervised by a chapter advisor, or have booked overnight accommodation at a downtown hotel without their advisor, or are in possession of drugs or alcohol or who are breaking the 10:30 p.m. curfew will:

- a. be disqualified from the Provincial Competition,
- b. be asked to leave the Toronto Sheraton/Chelsea Hotel,
- c. not be eligible to attend the International Competition (ICDC) in **Anaheim, California**
- d. jeopardize chapter's attendance at the International Competition (ICDC) in **Anaheim, California**, and may jeopardize their chapters' future membership in Ontario DECA.

This policy was adopted in January 2004, for the safety and well being of all participants. Security guards have been hired to enforce curfew at the DECA-approved hotels. As advisors, you are also expected to do a curfew check at 10:30 pm to ensure your students are in their rooms.

Once curfew check is completed, students are expected to **STAY** in their rooms. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are students to be out of their rooms after curfew. External Delivery Personnel (AKA Pizza delivery) are not permitted on guest room floors and hotel security will not escort them up to guest rooms.

Most common excuses: 'have to call home', 'thirsty', 'sleep walking', 'the girls next door have my food', 'we just ordered pizza'

All day registrants must leave hotel property no later than 6:00 pm. Make sure your students are aware of this.

The DECA Code of Conduct will be adhered to and attendance at the Provincials is your student's acceptance of its terms. In addition, **all** school rules apply as per your school student handbook.

The Ontario DECA Board of Directors will assume no liability or responsibility for ANY student who attends the Provincial Competition unsupervised.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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