2025 LSHS TEXAS THESPIAN FESTIVAL TRIP

Dear ITS Troup 7773 Thespians and Parents,

We will be attending the Texas Thespian State Festival in Grapevine on November 20-22, 2025. The Festival will be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel & Convention Center. The costs for the Thespian Festival is as follows:

<u>Registration</u>: \$200/person <u>Commuter Fee</u>: \$50/person

TOTAL: \$250

OPTIONAL: \$20 per contest entry (see other form)

At the festival, you will need to bring money for meals. Food is not included in your registration. You may also bring money to purchase souvenirs at the booths.

Students will receive the **Registration Form and Consent & Acceptance Form.** To attend, please return these with parent/guardian signatures by **MONDAY 9/8/2025** to secure your spot. Fees will be paid online via RiotTheatre.org and must be paid by 9/18/25. *PLEASE NOTE: Only LSHS theatre students who have been inducted into the Thespian Organization/Troupe 7773 are able to attend.

At the festival, your badge will be pulled if you are found loitering, hanging out, sleeping in the hallways, sitting around, and/or not involved in a workshop or performance. If your badge is pulled, you and I will have to go before the Chapter Director. If we have to meet with the Chapter Director, we run the risk of not being allowed to attend the Festival next year. Please read and follow all the rules!

As a member of our troupe, I expect the following from you:

- You will represent our school as an outstanding Thespian!
- You will fold your Consent & Acceptance Form and place it behind your name tag
- You will wear your nametag above the waist at all times!
- You will be respectful to all Festival Staff and Student State Board members
- You will follow all rules of our school and you will abide by Festival Rules
- You will exhibit GREAT audience etiquette! This is not the place for "arena" behavior!!

During performances and workshops, proper theater etiquette includes:

- no talking
- no texting
- no eating
- no sleeping
- You will be a FANTASTIC audience member



Should you have additional questions, please email me or go to www.texasthespians.org.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

THESPIAN FESTIVAL EXPECTATIONS/FORMS

All participants are required to participate in all major Festival events which include attending morning main-stage productions, afternoon workshops or play marathon presentations, auditions, evening main-stage productions, etc.

- 1. All Directors and Chaperones must take full responsibility for the conduct of their troupe delegation during Festival weekend. This includes audience behavior in all performances, as well as behavior in workshop rooms, the dining hall, hallways, common areas, and hotels.
- **2.** Please do not conduct troupe meetings in the lobbies or hallways of the hotel on guest floors. Troupes can meet during meal times, or directors should schedule time in their hotel rooms.
- **3.** No photography will be allowed during the performances. All electronic recording devices will be taken up if they are used during a performance.
- **4.** Badges are to be worn (above the waist) at all times, in all public areas, including hotel lobbies and hallways. Admission to all events will depend upon presentation of the badge to ushers and security team members. Don't forget to put a copy of the Consent & Acceptance Form in with the badge.
- **5.** Delegates must sit in their assigned seats for Main Stage performances.
- **6.** The color of your badge cover will identify your Meal time. Saving spots and cutting in any line is prohibited.
- 7. The Festival buildings are a no-smoking area. Local ordinances will be enforced.
- **8.** The Texas Thespians Festival has a zero tolerance policy regarding alcohol, drugs, inappropriate physical contact, weapons and violence.
- 9. Defacing or causing damage to property and facilities will not be tolerated.
- **10.** Students may not congregate in the vicinity, or inside of buildings or locations not used for Festival activities without a Director being present. Badges will be pulled for loitering or not participating in Festival activities.
- **11.** Students may not leave the Festival venues without a Director or Chaperone.
- **12.** Inappropriate behavior during performances, workshops or any part of the Festival will result in the delegate's removal from the performance space and in being sent back home at the expense of their parents or guardians. Repeat offenses may result in the entire troupe being denied registration for Festival 2025.