



STUDENT CONVENTION PLANNING GUIDE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - OPENING, CONTESTS & MORE

- FSPA Face Off qualifiers, publication critiques, intensive training sessions, vendor booths, FSPA Crash Course, student rep contests
- OPENING SESSION - 2 p.m. Opening Session, keynote speaker, *contest prompt drop*
- ON THE SPOT CONTESTS - Open registration - pick the contests you want to enter (two per registered program unless otherwise noted), contests released after opening, with varying deadlines

FRIDAY - SESSIONS & BANQUET

- Educational Sessions - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- FSPA Face Off Final - 3 p.m.
- Banquet - 6 p.m.
- Dance - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY - CLOSING SESSION

- Morning awards 8:30-9:30 a.m. Convention contest winners announced

WHAT TO WEAR

Follow the FSPA Student Reps on Instagram (@fspastudentreps) for specific theme dress-up ideas. However, general guidelines include:

- Pack a school-appropriate outfit for contests and breakout sessions
- A nicer, Bright Side-themed outfit for the awards banquet
- A more casual, yet school-appropriate outfit for the dance
- For Saturday, it's a tradition to wear the convention shirt to the closing session
- Jackets/hoodies as hotel meeting rooms are often chilly.

WHAT ELSE TO PACK

- A reusable water bottle and snacks for traveling and for your stay at the hotel. That way you can save money and keep your energy up for those afternoon sessions.
- Chargers for all of your devices
- Technology equipment, especially for those in contests, including cameras, video cameras, microphones, computers, memory cards, extra batteries, power cords, etc.
- Note taking supplies, including notebooks, pens/pencils.

RULES

In addition to all rules set forth by your adviser, school and school district, FSPA has the following rules for all participants of the convention:

- Students must keep their adviser informed of their whereabouts at all times, attend all sessions, meetings and activities as directed by their adviser and refrain from going anywhere alone.
- Students may not have members of the opposite sex in their hotel rooms.
- All students must be in their assigned hotel rooms by the 11:30 p.m. curfew
- School appropriate clothing and FSPA convention name tags are required at all times.
- Cheating on contests is prohibited. Contest entrants signify that only those names submitted to the BNC website had any part in the creation and editing of entries. No additional help, including from advisers, is allowed.
- Drones are not permitted at anytime during the convention.
- Students are prohibited from using the pools and hot tubs.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, as well as possession of weapons, are strictly prohibited.
- Rudeness to hotel guests and employees, excessive noise in all hotel areas, destruction of property and entering "off limits" or employee only areas of the hotel is unacceptable and may lead to expulsion from the hotel and/or criminal prosecution by the hotel.

No student will be allowed to attend the convention or stay on hotel property if they and their parents have not filled out and turned in the FSPA 2025 State Convention Student Permission Form to their adviser.

The FSPA executive board reserves the right to immediately remove any student found in violation of these rules. If removed, they will be required to leave the property and will be responsible for all expenses associated with removal. Registration fees and hotel costs will not be reimbursed and school administrators will be notified by FSPA of the violation.