Guidelines and Expectations
"CONNECT" and "I AM" Conferences
Wisconsin Association of FFA – November 12-13, 2026
PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR MEMBERS ATTENDING

1. Students must attend all conference sessions at the KI Convention in Green Bay unless prior notification was given from the advisor to the State FFA Executive Director that students would be arriving late or leaving early. **Please do not plan to leave early and miss sessions unless it is an absolute necessity.** Sessions build upon each other, so staying for all sessions gives the student full benefit of these conferences.

2. Students are recommended to attend the evening entertainment on Thursday evening. There will be games, corn hole tournaments, music and pizza. We would like all students to participate in the social events of this conference also as part of their Conference experience. Meeting new people is an important part of personal growth.

3. Advisors are in charge of room assignments for their members since hotel reservations are directly through the chapters. We ask advisors to supervise and conduct room checks of their students. **Advisors must be able to account for the location of their students at all times.** If an illness would arise or student has to leave the conference property at any time, they must clear this with their local FFA advisor and inform the State FFA Executive Director of the situation.

4. Students attending the CONNECT and I AM Conferences are asked to wear proper FFA Official Dress for all conference sessions. **Please assist your students in looking professional in their official dress including proper length of skirts.**

5. Appropriate casual dress **must be** worn to the entertainment on Thursday evening. **If students are participating in the theme "Neon" - all clothing worn must be APPROPRIATE.** Shirts must have sleeves. No alcohol, drugs, tobacco advertising or inappropriate language on any shirts. No cut off shirts or blouses. No bare midriffs or low cut tops. Students are allowed to wear chapter FFA T-shirts.
PLEASE discuss this item with your students can be challenging with students.

6. Students must be in their hotel rooms at the 11:45 p.m. curfew. Students should not be wandering the hallways or ordering pizza after curfew. The entertainment will end at approximately 11:30 p.m. and students will have time to get to their rooms before advisors do room checks. Students may not leave their rooms after 12:00 a.m. Advisors will be monitoring the hallways.

7. There will be no mixing of genders in hotel rooms. Boys are not allowed in girls' hotel rooms and girls are not allowed in boys' hotel rooms. This must be emphasized to the students as they are under the advisor's supervision. This is for security reasons and the safety of the students.

8. Students are not allowed to use alcohol, tobacco products, vaping or drugs anytime during the conference. **ANYONE CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OR USE OF THESE SUBSTANCES WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY AND/OR PROPER AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED.**

9. Students must respect the hotel facility. No running in the hallways, no slamming doors, no destruction of any hotel property. Individuals and chapters will be responsible for any damages or additional charges due to mistreatment of hotel/conference facilities. Treat the hotel as if it were your own home. All hotel property must stay at the hotel including towels, etc. Be polite and courteous. Keep up the sharp image of FFA members!!!

10. Be Prompt. Be at all sessions 5 minutes early. This will keep the group on schedule. No sessions are optional.

11. Cell phones must be turned off during the sessions. Texting is not allowed during sessions in respect to conference presenters. There will be breaks between sessions in which students can catch up on messages. In addition, do not use the phones in the hotel rooms for outside calls. Charges made to the room will be assessed to the local chapters staying in those rooms.

12. Do not write on white tablecloths in conference rooms. Please use your notebooks for scribbling and notes.

13. Explain the conference wristbands – this indicates the conference and room that students need to report to for the session they are assigned.

14. Check out of the hotel rooms during the breakfast time on Friday morning. Advisors may stay in rooms longer however no later than 11:00 a.m.

15. Give students a final pep talk that the success of the conference depends upon their participation. It depends on each person being responsible and following the guidelines and expectations of the conference.

Thank you for reviewing these guidelines with your students. As the FFA Advisor, you set the level of expectation for your students and we appreciate all that you do to supervise students and help this entire event run smoothly!!