

★ **NEW ENGLAND** ★ **2017 STUDENT LEADERSHIP** C O N F E R E N C E

STUDENT DELEGATE INFORMATION

July 25-28, 2017

Worcester State University - Worcester, MA



Sponsored by the NFHS Section 1 State Associations

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, July 25

Registration	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Opening General Session	4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
State Meetings	7:45 pm - 9:00 pm
Recreation Time	9:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Wednesday, July 26

Breakfast	8:00 am - 8:45 am
General Session/Load Buses	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Community Service Projects/Lunch	10:30 am - 2:00 pm
1st Breakout Session	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
State Meetings	4:45 pm - 6:00 pm
Dinner	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
2nd Breakout Session	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Recreation Time	9:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Thursday, July 27

Breakfast	8:00 am - 8:45 am
General Session	9:00 am - 10:15 am
3rd Breakout Session	10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
State Meetings	1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Special Group Activity	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Dinner	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
General Session	7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Recreation Time	9:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Friday, July 28

Breakfast	8:00 am - 8:45 am
State Action Plan Presentations	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Closing General Session	10:15 am - 12:00 pm
Checkout/Return Room Keys	12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Conference Overview



Tomorrow's Leaders: High School Athletics and Activities Participants

Incredible attention is being paid to high school athletics and activities programs today. Participants in these programs are looked up to as leaders because of their position on the team or club. The impact that these young people have on the climate and culture of their schools, fellow students and community is tremendous. In fact, studies show that more than one-half of high school students participate in some form of school activity or athletic program. The involvement of these students in the success of a high school is paramount and critical.



The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and its Section 1 members want to be the leaders in training talented, committed young people to become better citizens who will be positive, contributing adults and role models for youth. We are pleased to announce that in partnership, the state associations from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont will be hosting the 7th Annual New England Student Leadership Conference from July 25-28, 2017 at Worcester State University in Worcester, MA. This conference is a four-day, residential event for approximately 300 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletic and activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations. The conference is modeled after the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference that took place in Indianapolis, IN for over a decade.



Conference Curriculum

The curriculum for the conference will include breakout sessions focusing on Respect, Positive Values, Perspective, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Service and Self-Evaluation. These components will be presented in large and small-group sessions, led by outstanding adult and college facilitators specifically chosen for their involvement in athletics and activities at the high school and collegiate level, and will address contemporary issues that impact a young person being a leader and role model. In addition to group discussion, special guest speakers will share inspirational messages, stories of overcoming adversity and utilizing the power of positive influence. The conference will also incorporate a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that will take place in local communities.



Supervision

In addition to approximately 30 college and adult curriculum facilitators, adult delegates will serve as advisors and chaperones as they oversee the student delegates from their respective states. These adults will take an active part in the discussions and curriculum of the conference. The adult delegates and staff members will be available to help the students with any questions or concerns they might have during the four-day event. A conference nurse will be on site throughout the week for any medical issues. In addition, the Worcester State University Police Department will be available 24 hours a day on campus for any safety and security needs.



Attire

The conference takes place in a relaxed atmosphere to encourage learning and facilitate interaction. The high temperatures and humid weather during the mid-summer dictate casual clothing for this event. Jeans, shorts, sneakers and t-shirts are appropriate for the majority of the conference functions. Participants will be provided with three t-shirts during registration that are intended to be worn on specific days of the conference. Participants are encouraged to bring a set of clothing/footwear that they will not mind getting dirty as community service projects will take place on Wednesday morning. Please do not bring any questionable or offensive attire. For further information, please see the recommended packing list on page 5.



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Housing

Participants will be housed in traditional college residence halls. Each room will accommodate 2-4 delegates. Showers and bathrooms will be located in each individual suite area. **Participants must bring their own bed linens, blankets, towels and pillow as these items will not be provided.** Participants are to sleep in rooms to which they have been assigned. Visiting a room assigned to the opposite gender is not permitted. A room key/card will be provided to participants for the residence halls. In the event of a lost room key/card, the participant will be charged the replacement cost of the key/card. The sponsoring state associations and host site are not responsible for key/cards lost or misplaced for any reason.

Meals

Meals will be provided by the college food service. All meals will be provided beginning with dinner on Tuesday, July 25 and ending with breakfast on Friday, July 28. Students who have food allergies or special dietary needs must indicate such information on the Student Health History Form. Some residence halls have vending machines that can be utilized for snacks during the week. Students are encouraged to bring small amounts of money for vending machines in addition to their own snacks/bottled drinks if necessary.

Code of Conduct/Conference Policies

Student participants are expected to act in a responsible manner that will reflect well on themselves, their schools, their state associations and the New England Student Leadership Conference. Students are expected to respect each other and themselves while following the rules of the conference. The use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs is strictly prohibited. In addition, students are expected to observe the established conference and campus curfews each night, sleep in their assigned rooms and not visit housing areas of the opposite gender. Students are not permitted to leave the college campus. Students who violate any of the conference policies will be asked to leave at their own expense without a refund.

Transportation

Students are not permitted to drive to the conference or leave cars on the campus. Participants from Massachusetts should make arrangements to be dropped off at the event registration area between 1:00-3:00pm on July 25. Participants travelling from outside Massachusetts should contact their local state associations regarding travel arrangements.

Application/Registration

The student registration fee to attend this conference is \$275. This fee will cover the cost of meals, lodging, training, materials, and transportation during the four days. To apply for an opportunity to represent your local state association at this event, please complete the online application information found at www.miaa.net. **The application deadline is June 12, 2017.**

The online application process includes:

- Student Delegate Application
- Student Health History/Consent for Treatment
- Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement
- Student Code of Conduct
- ****Registration check in the amount of \$275 made payable to your local state association**
- ****Parent/Guardian Signed Permission Form (emailed upon completion of online application)**
- ****Maine students only - Transportation fee check in the amount of \$50 payable to "MPA"**

**** Items must be mailed to your local state association following online application submission.**

Student applicants will be contacted by their local state association with further information upon receipt of application materials.



Student Delegate Checklist

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Refund Policy: Students who are accepted into the program and cancel prior to the start of the conference will have registration payments refunded as follows:
 - 100% Refund - June 30, 2017 or prior
 - 75% Refund - July 1, 2017 - July 7, 2017
 - 50% Refund - July 8, 2017 - July 14, 2017
 - 0% Refund - July 15, 2017 or later
- _____ ****Parent/Guardian Signed Permission Form (emailed upon completion of online application)**
- _____ ****Maine students only - Transportation fee check in the amount of \$50 payable to "MPA"**

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Recommended Packing List*

- _____ Bed Sheets/Blanket/Sleeping Bag
- _____ Pillow and Pillow Case
- _____ Bath Towel and Face Cloth
- _____ Sneakers/Comfortable Shoes
- _____ Community Service Clothes/Sneakers
- _____ Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste and other toiletries
- _____ Rain Gear/Jacket/Umbrella
- _____ Room Fan
- _____ Alarm Clock
- _____ Sunscreen
- _____ Insect Repellent
- _____ Notebook/Pens
- _____ Snacks/Beverages
- _____ Spending Money

****The sponsoring state associations and host site are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.***

Participating State Association Contact Information

For additional information about this conference, please contact your local state association.

Please note - the online application deadline is June 12, 2017

Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference

30 Realty Drive
 Cheshire, CT 06410
 Phone: (203) 250-1111
 Fax: (203) 250-1345
www.casciac.org



New York State Public High School Athletic Association

8 Airport Park Blvd.
 Latham, NY 12110
 Phone: (518) 690-0771
 Fax: (518) 690-0775
www.nysphsaa.org



Maine Principals' Association

50 Industrial Drive
 Augusta, ME 04338
 Phone: (207) 622-0217
 Fax: (207) 622-1513
www.mpa.cc



Rhode Island Interscholastic League

Building 6, R.I. College Campus
 600 Mt Pleasant Avenue
 Providence, RI 02908
 Phone: (401) 272-9844
 Fax: (401) 272-9838
www.riil.org



Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

33 Forge Parkway
 Franklin, MA 02038
 Phone: (508) 541-7997
 Fax: (508) 541-9888
www.miaa.net



Vermont Principals' Association

Two Prospect Street
 Suite #3
 Montpelier, VT 05602
 Phone: (802) 229-0547
 Fax: (802) 229-4801
www.vpaonline.org



New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association

251 Clinton Street
 Concord, NH 03301
 Phone: (603) 228-8671
 Fax: (603) 225-7978
www.nhiaa.org



Host Site Information



WORCESTER
 STATE
UNIVERSITY

Worcester State University is a liberal arts and sciences university with a long tradition of academic excellence. Our students receive a variety of multi-disciplinary opportunities enabling them to explore their academic interests and prepare for their careers. Our students:

- Conduct innovative research and develop creative ideas with acclaimed faculty
- Engage in service learning and internships in the community
- Pursue study away opportunities in the U.S. and abroad

We prepare our students to take on real-world challenges with portfolios that include critical thinking, teamwork, problem solving, communication, technology and global awareness skills. They are ready to succeed.

Worcester State University offers 62 undergraduate majors and minors, 31 master's degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates, and real-time access to online, noncredit professional training. Our accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. demonstrates that our liberal arts and sciences curriculum meets or exceeds its criteria for assessment of quality.

Worcester State has 9 men's and 10 women's NCAA Division III varsity teams and competes in the MASCAC, Little East, and ECAC conferences. Our teams regularly qualify for league tournaments and NCAA Division III post-season play, with many standout student-athletes achieving All-New England, All-American, and other conference honors. Our intramural teams compete in 10 sports, ranging from co-ed volleyball to ultimate Frisbee.

DIRECTIONS

Worcester State University
486 Chandler Street - Worcester, MA
www.worcester.edu

From Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90): Take Exit 10 (Auburn) to I-290 East. (see from 290 East)

From I-495: Take Exit 25 to I- 290 West. (see from 290 West)

From Rt. 9 West: Follow Rt. 9 West into Worcester. (see from Highland Street)

From Rt. 146 North: Take Rt. 146 North to I-290 East. (see from 290 East)

From I-190 South: Take I-290 West. (see from 290 West)

From I-290 West: Take Exit 18 (Rt. 9 West); turn right off exit ramp and stay in center lane, following directions for Rt. 9 West. Turn right onto Rt. 9 West, also known as Highland Street. (see from Highland Street)

From I-290 East: Take Exit 17 (Rt. 9). Turn left onto Rt. 9 West, which will turn into Highland Street at bottom of the hill. Proceed up the hill onto Highland Street. (see from Highland Street)

From Highland Street: While on Highland Street, stay in the right-hand lane. Stay on Highland Street for 1.5 miles. (past Elm Park and Doherty High School on the left). At the rotary, take the third right onto June Street. At the second traffic light, turn right onto May Street. The main entrance to Worcester State will be three blocks up on your left.

Special Thanks

The participating state associations give special thanks to the following organizations for making this event possible:

