

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Student Behavior Code

Students, Parents, Sponsors, and School Districts are reminded that the behavior code of the student's home school district is in effect during the student's participation in both the Regional and State PJAS activities. It is expected that the sponsors and school districts will discipline the student according to that district's policy if the student violates the behavior code while at the PJAS activity.

Students will be sent home immediately from the PJAS state meeting at Penn State University for the following behaviors.

- Refusing to follow PJAS State Meeting Rules
- Vandalizing
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Possessing weapons, drugs, explosives, tobacco, or alcohol
- Entering into opposite gender dorms.
- Participating in intimate activity
- Behaving in a manner which poses a threat to self or others.
- Behaving in a manner requiring police intervention
- Violating the home school's behavior code
- Operating a motor vehicle to, during, or home from the PJAS state meet
- Using tobacco products including electronic tobacco devices
- Bullying including verbal, physical, and cyber bullying
- Using cameras, imaging, and digital devices in showers, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants
- Posting of inappropriate material on social media sites

A student sent home automatically forfeits any award or scholarship for which he/she may have been eligible. The student's future participation in PJAS Region and State meetings will be affected by their behavior. Continued participation will be determined by the student's regional director, sponsor, and school and may include the following.

- Bringing a parent as a chaperone while staying on campus or staying off campus with a parent as chaperone.
- Prohibiting participation in the PJAS State Meeting and/or Regional Meeting for one or more years.
- Prohibiting participation in any PJAS activity for the remainder of the student's middle and high school careers.