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## Security/Insurance

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival and Western Michigan University assume no responsibility for loss or damage to clothing, valuables, or other personal property, including money; nor does it carry insurance to cover either personal loss or any loss a participant may be responsible for through negligence or accident. Participants causing any damage to Festival or University property will be responsible for reimbursing the Festival or the University for costs to repair such damage.

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## Building Lockup/Security

For the safety of all participants, the dormitories will be locked at 11:45 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Visitors will not be permitted in the residence hall after the doors are locked. Once the building is locked, participants must be in their own rooms with "lights out." It is expected that participants will remain in their own rooms from the time the building is locked until 7 a.m.

Once a student has checked into the Festival, it is expected that the student will remain on the premises. In the event of an emergency, it is the participant's responsibility to notify either the Festival Director or the discipline coordinator if the participant needs to leave.

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## Entering Rooms

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival chaperones and Western Michigan University security officers reserve the right to inspect a participant's room if they have reason to believe that established health and or safety regulations are being violated, that there is a threat to the safety or well-being of the room's occupants or other participants, or that the occupants are violating a Festival rule or regulation.

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## Room Checks

Thirty minutes after the residence hall doors are locked, room checks will be conducted by chaperones from each discipline represented at the Festival. Participants must be in their assigned room at that time and must remain there for the remainder of the night.

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## Rules

The following behaviors are strictly forbidden:

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs (barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, marijuana, narcotics, or similar drugs), drug-related paraphernalia, fireworks or other explosives, weapons, or other dangerous or illegal substances in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the University.
- Tampering with fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment, elevators, or other safety and security equipment in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the University.
- Intentional damage to or theft of university or personal property, including the removal of screens or windows.
- Deliberate physical harm or intent to harm self or others.
- Entering the room of a member of the opposite sex after the building is locked or being in the room of a member of the opposite sex with the door closed.
- Being outside of the residence hall or the assigned room between the time the front doors are locked and 7:00 a.m. the next morning.
- Burning of candles, cooking or smoking or other activity that may comprise health/safety regulations is not allowed in the residence hall.

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## Violations of any of the stated Michigan Youth Arts Festival Rules and Regulations will subject the participant to dismissal from remaining Festival activities.

A dismissed participant will be required to call his/her parents/guardians, who will be required to pick up the student immediately. If the participant is a member of a group or ensemble, the ensemble/group director will be notified immediately. In the case of dismissal, a letter will be sent to the participant's school administration, which could jeopardize the school's involvement in future Festivals. If the infraction constitutes a violation of the law, the appropriate authorities will be notified. If a student is dismissed, they will forfeit all rights to any Festival refund.

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**Form is due April 11, 2008.** Please sign below and complete the next page. Return with your registration materials to: MYAF, Office of Lifelong Learning & Education, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5280. FAX (269) 387.4189. Phone (269) 387.4174.

I understand and agree to the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Rules and Regulations as stated above.

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Participant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature