

Student Conduct & Chaperone Expectations

Students are expected to conduct themselves, both in person and online, in a manner that brings credit to themselves, their schools, and the affiliates they represent. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the students in their charge.

NHD Rules and Policies for Participants

Please remember that National History Day is concerned not only for the safety and well-being of students, but also for upholding the wishes of parents, teachers, school principals, and the many supporters who have a vested interest in the students' participation. As guests at the University of Maryland, you are expected to abide by the same rules the University has established for its students. To ensure that your stay is pleasant and trouble-free, you must observe the following rules:

- You may not physically harm, threaten to harm, or harass any person, including provoking and/or engaging in physical fights or malicious pranks.
- Alcoholic beverages or other drugs are expressly prohibited except those prescribed by a doctor.
- Possession of any weapons, firecrackers, or other flammable materials is prohibited.
- You may not tamper with the fire system or fire safety equipment.
- You may not set or fuel a fire of any size.
- You are responsible for complying with the requests of all chaperones and University of Maryland officials, including cooperating in cases where you are aware of rules being broken by other students.

For Students Staying In Dorms

- Male students are not permitted to visit female students in their dormitory rooms and vice versa. Socializing may take place in the lounges of the residence halls as well as on the rest of the campus.
- You may not yell from or hang out of room windows. You may not throw or drop objects from room windows.
- Curfew is midnight every night and will be strictly enforced. That means you should either be in your room or (with the permission of your chaperone) in the lounge on your floor. If any chaperone asks you to go to your room, you should go.
- You may not enter other students' rooms without their invitation or explicit permission.
- You may not create excessive noise or disruptions which interfere with History Day activities and/or operation of the dormitories. Quiet hours will be observed from 12 midnight to 7:00 AM every day. During this time, please be especially quiet and considerate to allow others to sleep.
- You may not bring any animals into the dormitory except when required to assist persons who are physically challenged.
- You may not cook except in the designated kitchen areas.

Students who violate any of these rules will be subject to punishment, up to and including: being asked to leave the dormitories, immediately being sent home at their parents' expense, financial restitution, and disqualification from the National History Day contest.

NOTICE: Campus police are advised that all students unaccompanied by an adult must be in the residence halls by midnight each night.

Expectations of Dorm Chaperones

The chaperone for a student group staying at the University of Maryland must be familiar with the Rules and Policies for dormitory occupants above.

Chaperones have the following responsibilities:

- The chaperone is responsible for the behavior of the students in her/his charge according to the published rules. Hence, chaperones will stay in the same building with her/his students. She/he will be generally available while the students are in the residence halls so that any rule infractions by her/his group can be handled in a timely manner.
- All chaperones are responsible for enforcement of published rules with any NHD student participant throughout the campus community during their stay.
- Should the chaperone encounter problems, the first contact will be the Dorm Coordinator designated by NHD (for that particular building). Dorm coordinator information is available at the check-in desk in LaPlata Hall (301-314-5275).
- The chaperone will act as a liaison between NHD and UMCP Staff. They will be working in cooperation to confront problems as they are encountered in the residence halls.
- The chaperone will be visible on the floor where her/his students are lodging both at curfew time and afterwards. The Chaperone will make sure that his/her students are in their rooms or in the lounge on their floor at curfew time and afterwards and that they observe "quiet hours" from 12 midnight to 7:00 AM.
- Chaperones will assist the Dorm Coordinator in clearing the lobby, elevators and stairwells, and other public areas at curfew time. This system will be worked out by the Dorm Coordinator and the chaperones at the start of the groups' stay at UMCP.
- The chaperone, the Dorm Coordinator and/or UMCP Staff can make a recommendation to the NHD Executive Director for disciplinary action to be taken against any NHD student, including sending a student home.

Important Phone Numbers

University of Maryland Police

Emergency Number - 301-405-3333 ● Non-Emergency Number - 301-405-3555

UMD Health Center

301-314-8180 ● <http://www.health.umd.edu/>