



Governor's Scholars Program Policy *for* 2017 FBLA NLC Participants

The 2017 FBLA National Leadership Conference will take place in Anaheim, California, beginning on Wednesday, June 28th, and concluding on Saturday, July 1st. Competition events will be scheduled for June 28th – June 30th. In order to be fair and consistent with other past, present, and future Governor's Scholars, GSP administrators have collaborated with Kentucky FBLA advisors to develop the following policy for students participating in the 2017 Governor's Scholars Program who will also be competing at the FBLA National Leadership Conference. **In accordance with the Learning Contract that they will sign upon accepting their nomination to the Governor's Scholars Program, these students must abide by the terms of this policy in order to be considered Governor's Scholars.**

- A. All Governor's Scholars participants who are involved in the 2017 FBLA NLC in Anaheim must request to be assigned to Session One of the Governor's Scholars Program. Session One begins on Sunday, June 18th, and concludes on Saturday, July 22nd. Students assigned to the other GSP sessions will not be excused from campus to participate in the FBLA conference. (see E for more information).
- B. In order to request Session One, students must complete and return the Session Request Form that they receive in their GSP acceptance packet in April. This form requires supporting documentation; students must include a letter from an FBLA advisor or administrator, explaining the student's specific role and responsibilities and listing the date(s) of the student's competition. Students must also acknowledge in their Session Request Form that they have received and reviewed the GSP Policy for 2017 FBLA NLC Participants.
- C. Students involved in the FBLA NLC who have requested Session One of the Governor's Scholars Program will be excused from campus for one day for their competition and for one additional day for additional competition and/or travel (see D for information about exchanging time away from campus). **Students will not be excused from campus for more than two days, total.**

Specific approved timelines for student absence are as follows:

- 1. Students competing on Wednesday, June 28th and Thursday, June 29th
Depart Campus: After 3:30 p.m.* on Tuesday, June 27th
Return to Campus: Before 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29th
- 2. Students competing on Thursday, June 29th and Friday, June 30th
Depart Campus: After 4:30 p.m.* on Wednesday, June 28th
Return to Campus: Before 11:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30th

*Note: Departing time varies from other years based on the day's schedule of classes and will vary in subsequent years according to the dates of the National Conference.

- D. In exchange for their day(s) away from campus to participate in the FBLA competition, **students must trade their Family Visitation Day.** Family members should understand that these students will not be alone on campus on Family Day; rather, they will spend the day with GSP administrators and other students who have similarly exchanged Family Visitation Day for another approved off-campus activity.
- E. Students must understand that, by requesting Session One of the GSP, they may affect their class choices. Not all focus areas are offered on all GSP campuses. Furthermore, every effort is made to ensure that GSP classes are as representative as possible with regard to gender, geographic distribution, and other factors. No two students from the same high school will be assigned to the same class. Together, these circumstances may mean that a student who has requested a particular GSP session might not be assigned to one of his/her preferred focus areas. In such a situation, the student will be consulted regarding his/her focus area options.
- F. The above policy applies only to those students who will be competing at the FBLA National Leadership Conference. Per the decision of the Kentucky FBLA Board of Directors, all FBLA state officers must attend the entirety of the FBLA National Leadership Conference. Because this requirement precludes them from adhering to the attendance agreement as described above, students must be prepared to choose between serving as state FBLA officers and participating in the Governor's Scholars Program. Questions about the policy regarding state FBLA officers should be directed to the Kentucky FBLA Board of Directors.

**Students with questions about any aspect of this policy may contact the GSP Office
by phone (502-573-1618) or by e-mail (beth.carrier@ky.gov).**