

## 2024 Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference Student Code of Conduct

The purpose of this code of conduct is to make students aware of the rules and follow the behavior that is expected. Each student is responsible for consistently following the code of conduct to ensure safety and a high-quality learning experience for all. Not following this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program. Participants are expected to follow program expectations to ensure safety and a high-quality learning experience for themselves and for all other participants. Attendees are responsible for being familiar with and strictly adhering to this Code of Conduct in its entirety. Doing so results in an environment conducive to learning, teambuilding, skills building, and comfort for all participants. Project Fibonacci® staff members and volunteers are committed to providing a safe and secure environment and are responsible for enforcing the rules of conduct, which are not subject to interpretation.

- I. **Behavior Code:** Acceptable behavior is exemplified by respect, responsibility, and honesty and are key expectations. Participants must refrain from rude and disruptive behavior, making threats or threatening gestures, and engaging in acts of theft or vandalism. Scholars may not use inappropriate language or gestures or engage in actions that have the potential to hurt or offend others. Leaving the premises of the conference or wandering outside of the program without permission is forbidden and will be strictly enforced. Scholars are encouraged to promptly report violations or suspected breaches of the Code of Conduct to Project Fibonacci® staff.
- II. **Bullying Policy:** Teasing and bullying are forbidden as is conduct that has the effect of discriminating against other participants, staff, or volunteers. Disrespecting the rights of others on the basis of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, genetic background or appearance is strictly forbidden.
- III. **Dress Code:** Participants are expected to dress appropriately and maintain a tidy appearance for the event. Casual attire such as pants, khakis, cargo shorts, shirts, and suitable length dresses is acceptable. However, certain clothing items are considered inappropriate, including midriff tops, short skirts/dresses, and garments with offensive language. For comfort and safety, closed shoes or sneakers are advised, especially for specific activities and site visits. Following this dress code helps create a professional and respectful environment for everyone involved.
- IV. **Drug/Alcohol Policy:** Use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, nicotine products (including e-cigarettes, vape pens, Juul products, etc.) and chewing tobacco is strictly prohibited.
- V. **Lodging Policy:** Room assignments are made by the conference organizers. Participants are not permitted to change room assignments or to enter an unassigned hotel room. Participants requiring specialized accommodations must contact [ajaworski@projectfibonacci.org](mailto:ajaworski@projectfibonacci.org) or (315) 527-6030
- VI. **Curfew Policy:** All participants must be in their assigned rooms by 10:00 PM and remain in their assigned room for the duration of the evening. Quiet hours are 10:00 PM-7:00 AM.
- VII. **Personal Belongings:** Students are responsible for their own belongings. Valuables such as jewelry or large sums of money should be left at home. Personal electronic devices are the responsibility of the student. Project Fibonacci® shall not be held responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

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- VIII. Cell Phone Use:** Cell phone use is prohibited during workshops, keynote presentations, and tours. Scholars are to follow the direction of Project Fibonacci® staff, facilitators, and volunteers regarding personal cell phones. Repeated violations of the cell phone use or refusal to comply will be considered insubordination and subject to review by Project Fibonacci's® Judicial Board.
- IX. Weapon Possession:** Possession of real or simulated weapons are not permitted by scholars, staff members, volunteers, or anyone else associated with the Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference. Examples of weapons include, but are not limited to, any type of firearm, martial arts tools, paintball or air soft guns, pocket knives, and the like. Any weapon found to be in the possession of a participant will immediately be confiscated. Law enforcement may be contacted, and the offender expelled from the remainder of the program and sent home at scholar expense.
- X. Driving Disclaimer:** Scholars who drive themselves to the conference campus are prohibited from using their vehicles during the conference or during the evening after the completion of the daily program. An exception may be made for instances of extenuating circumstances and **only after** a formal meeting with and the approval of the Project Fibonacci® Judicial Board. Scholars granted such permission **may not** put another scholar in their vehicle with them without prior written approval. Violation of this rule shall result in disciplinary action up-to and including suspension from the conference. Upon registration, parking passes will be given to STEAM Scholars that drove themselves and must always be visible in their vehicles. Scholars who engage in unauthorized use of vehicles as drivers or as riders shall hold harmless the Project Fibonacci® Foundation, its staff, volunteers, and associates, and will be subject to disciplinary action which may result in expulsion from the remainder of the program and being sent home at scholar expense.
- XI. Hotel/Venue Visitor Policy:** With the exception of parents or guardians listed on scholars' registration, scholars are prohibited from inviting or hosting visitors at the hotel or off-site venues. Unauthorized visitors will immediately be asked to leave the area and will be considered trespassing, subject to intervention by security or law enforcement. Non-compliant scholars are subject to disciplinary action.

### JUDICIAL BOARD

A judicial board comprised of Project Fibonacci® staff members is in place to review alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct by scholars. Project Fibonacci® staff members, facilitators, and volunteers may refer offenders to the Judicial Board. The Board will make disciplinary determinations based upon the severity and/or recurrence of the offense. Consequences may include notification of local law enforcement and/or expulsion from the remainder of the program and being sent home at scholar expense.

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### PHOTOGRAPHY, AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation is granted permission to use and/or publish any photograph or image of individuals or groups, including: audio, film, digital image or other media) for educational purposes on its websites and/or for promotional purposes. Neither participants nor their parents/guardians shall be compensated for the use of images and do not have approval over the final product in which it appears. Project Fibonacci® and all persons acting under its authority are released from any and all claims or liability arising from the use of images. This release shall bind heirs, guardians, assigns, and legal representatives.

### PHOTO RELEASE POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct:**

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Submit All Mandatory Forms:

- Email to Amy Jaworski – [ajaworski@projectfibonacci.org](mailto:ajaworski@projectfibonacci.org)
- Mail to Project Fibonacci – PO Box 424 Rome, NY 13442-0424
- Bring them with you on opening day