



The core of the MESA Schools Program is the statewide set of competitions that culminate in the annual MESA Day competitions hosted at local, regional, and state levels. The MESA student experience is defined by the following:

- Students will have an opportunity to apply mathematics, science and engineering principles to individual and team academic contests and, over time, students will develop their mastery of these academic skills.
- Students will be exposed to other campuses, college faculty, technical equipment, laboratories, etc.
- Students will build self-esteem and confidence through preparation and participation and access to relevant real world STEM challenges (knowing students can be “citizen-scientists”).
- Students will be encouraged and motivated to excel and think critically, and persevere through rigorous academic competitions.
- Students will be a part of the maker and creator movement that encourages problem-solving in a framework that fosters creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills.

MESA CODE OF BEHAVIOR

MESA students need to remember that MESA competitions are academic events and participants should present themselves in a manner that respects teachers, students, judges, hosts and other officials at the event. Please remember that countless hours are spent in preparation and execution of the event for your enjoyment and many of the facilitators are volunteers giving of their time for you.

The “golden rule” of competition means treating your fellow competitors as you would like to be treated yourself. Show respect for yourself, your teammates and your opponents, for advisors from all schools and centers and for the judges and other officials. This applies to those who leave the competition with medals and those who do not. Knowledge, pride and empathy should be the cornerstones of any MESA competition.

Everyone must be participating in a competitive event or other MESA Day activity at all times, either as a competitor or as an observer. Students are never allowed off campus or in areas not associated with MESA Day.

This code of behavior applies to MESA Parents, MESA Advisors and teachers and MESA staff. Any type of misconduct will result in the immediate disqualification of the student, team and perhaps the entire school. MESA reserves the right to ask anyone who is not conducting themselves per this code to leave the event.

I have read this Code of Behavior and will do my best to follow the “Golden Rule” of competition.

Name of Participant

MESA Center

Date