

# EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

## Residency

- GSE is a serious commitment and is for students who are “all in.” If you’re not ready to commit to staying and engaging for the entire duration of the program, you should not attend.
- Students are expected to stay on campus for the duration of GSE. Students who live locally are not permitted to commute to and from their home each day.
- Students may never leave campus alone. Leaving campus is only allowed when accompanied by GSE staff as part of scheduled program activities.
- Students are not permitted to have food deliveries (GrubHub, Instacart, DoorDash, etc.) to the residence halls.
- Quiet hours must be observed in the residence halls to allow all students the opportunity to rest, reflect, and recharge.
- Shared spaces must be kept clean and orderly. Everyone plays a role in maintaining a positive living environment.

## Visitation

- Students may not host visitors during GSE, including family members.
- If a student forgets an essential item at home, parents/guardians may contact the Resident Director to arrange a designated time and location for drop off.
- Students are not permitted to visit other groups or residence halls while on Marshall’s campus.
- Mixed gender visitation is limited to supervised common areas only. Students may not enter the rooms of students of another gender under any circumstances.

## Transportation

- Students are not permitted to bring personal vehicles to GSE. Campus parking will not be provided or accommodated.
- Students may not ride in or operate any vehicle during the program unless it is part of an official, staff-supervised GSE activity.
- All transportation needs, including off-campus trips and emergencies, will be coordinated and provided by GSE staff.



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## Technology Use

- Use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices is limited to designated free time only, unless otherwise approved or instructed by GSE staff.
- Students may carry their phones during the day but must keep them silenced and out of sight during class sessions, workshops, and all scheduled activities unless use is explicitly permitted.
- There may be instances where students are encouraged to use their phones to collaborate, coordinate, or communicate with peers for GSE-related class projects or extracurricular activities.
- GSE is a unique opportunity to engage deeply with your peers. We encourage you to be present, minimize screen time, and build meaningful connections with those around you.

## Off-Campus Activities

- Students must follow all travel schedules and applicable local ordinances regarding curfews for minors.
- When off campus, students must remain with their assigned RA- or GSE staff/faculty-led group at all times.

## Substance Use and Medication

- The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, vaping devices or products, illegal drugs, or other chemical substances – apart from approved prescription or over-the-counter medications – is strictly prohibited and will result in dismissal.
- Students may only use prescription or over-the-counter medications that have been disclosed and approved at check-in by GSE staff and the resident nurse.
- All medication use must be coordinated with the resident GSE nurse. Unauthorized use or possession of medication is strictly prohibited.

## Attendance and Participation

- Students are required to attend and actively participate in all scheduled classes, workshops, and events.



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## Behavior and Conduct

- GSE identification badges must be worn at all times.
- In the event of a fire alarm, students must exit the building immediately and gather at the designated meeting area for roll call.
- Business casual attire is required for the Closing Ceremony.
- GSE t-shirts should be worn on designated days or field trips, as instructed.
- Clothing with offensive language or imagery is not permitted.
- Students must wear appropriate attire during all program activities, including field trips and meals.
- Sexual activity or public displays of affection (PDA) between students is strictly prohibited.
- Theft, vandalism, tampering with fire or safety equipment, and possession of weapons, firecrackers, drugs, or alcohol will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- GSE has a zero tolerance policy of any and all kinds of harassment. Harassment includes any action or behavior that mocks, demeans, puts down, disparages, or ridicules another person or group. Bullying of all kinds is considered a form of harassment. Sexual harassment is any sort of discrimination, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- If you are a victim of harassment, please report to your immediate RA or any other RA, or the RD. In these situations, you should report to whomever you are most comfortable speaking to. Together you can discuss the incident and create a plan to address the issue at hand.

## Self Care and Wellness

During GSE, there will be ample opportunities for participants to engage in physical activity. Participants will have an opportunity to visit the Marshall Recreation Center in the mornings, if they choose to do so. They will also have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities and the Rec Center in the evening. This is dependent on the time and weather. There will be other activities such as board games, Just Dance, Mario Kart, and movie nights depending on the evening.





# DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Governor's School of Entrepreneurship strives to provide an environment where students can grow and explore their ideas in a supportive space. Certain behavior is incompatible with the philosophy of GSE. As representatives of your schools, communities, counties, and the state of West Virginia, you are expected to be exemplary citizens.

All staff members are responsible for disciplinary action in response to misbehavior. In other words, every adult is the "boss." There are three levels of discipline, determined by the nature, frequency, or severity of the infraction:

- Verbal reprimand by staff with written notice to the Dean
- Written warning by the Dean with notice to the parent/guardian
- Dismissal from GSE

The Dean, in consultation with the appropriate faculty, staff, and the State Director, will make final decisions regarding dismissal from GSE. Should a student be dismissed, the Dean will immediately contact the student's parents or guardians. A student who has been dismissed must be picked up by a parent/guardian within 12 hours of dismissal. While waiting to be picked up, the student is no longer welcome to participate in GSE activities and will pack personal belongings under staff supervision.

Please note, a letter stating the reason for dismissal will be sent to the parent/guardian, high school principal, and county superintendent of schools. Be advised that Marshall University and the GSE will cooperate with all university, local, and state authorities regarding investigations or illegal activities.

## Causes for Disciplinary Action

Actions that will result in automatic dismissal include, but are not limited to:

- Possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, vaping devices, or tobacco products
- Leaving campus without authorization
- Activities that threaten the safety of yourself or others, including leaving assigned groups when off campus
- Disobeying visitation policies
- Unauthorized use of a vehicle or riding in a vehicle with an unauthorized person
- Tampering with fire alarms or security systems
- Harassment/bullying
- Possession of a weapon
- Sexual activity or inappropriate physical conduct