

RIT Next Big Idea Participant Rules (page 1 of 2)

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What to Expect

The weather in early spring can be unpredictable. Participants may want to check the weather forecast prior to their travel to Rochester. In general, participants should wear clean, neat, and respectable clothing, with a warm sweater / jacket and comfortable walking shoes, and bring umbrellas. Casual but presentable sportswear is recommended.

Meals and Activities

RIT will provide meals for student participants and chaperones parent (if he or she is a coach), starting with dinner on Thursday night and concluding with breakfast on Sunday morning. During mealtimes, options will be provided to accommodate dietary needs. All social activities noted on the social schedule will also be paid for by RIT. Participants will be responsible for their own incidental expenses, such as snacks, souvenirs, etc.

Behavior

Students and chaperones are expected to participate in all scheduled events. Students may not leave the program unless they have written permission from their parent(s) or chaperone. Chaperones are expected to be on campus and on all 24/7 during the weekend.

RIT expects appropriate behavior from participants at all times. If a problematic situation arises, it will be dealt with by competition staff and the school's chaperones. Serious inappropriate behavior may result in exclusion from the RIT Next Big Idea and related activities. Repeated incidents or a major incident may result in the student being sent home at the family's and/or school's expense.

Delegations should also adhere to their school's policies, rules, and guidelines for overnight field trips.

General Rules

- Participants will cooperate with competition staff at all times.
- Participants should pay close attention whenever there are group announcements or activities.
- Participations should stay together as a group at all times. Individuals should not wander off alone or even in groups.
- Each delegation should have a plan for where to meet in case a member is lost.
- Punctuality is expected at all times. If participants miss transportation that is provided by RIT. They will be personally responsible for cab fare to/from the activity sites.
- Participants may not leave the group to visit friends or relatives during the competition weekend. Personal visitors are not allowed.
- RIT is not responsible for dispensing prescribed medication to students.
- Smoking, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and use of firearms or weapons of any kind are forbidden. Use of any of these will result in being sent home immediately at the family's expense and may result in legal action.
- RIT, its officers, Trustees, agents, employees, or volunteers shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, or accident to the student or his/her property while on the trip,

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Hotel Rules

- Overnight supervision will be provided for students.
- All students should be in their hotel room by 10:30 pm each night with lights out.
- All students should give their room keys to their coach/chaperones by 10:30 pm each night. They should not exit their rooms unless there is an emergency. Chaperones/coaches will check to make sure that all students are in their rooms.
- Participants should not open their hotel room door to anybody they do not recognize.
- When participants are in the hotel hallways, lobby, or other public areas of the hotel, they must be dressed appropriately and should behave in a mature and respectful manner. Participants will keep the noise level to a minimum so as not to disturb other hotel guests. Participants will be held financially responsible for any damage in their rooms.
- At no time are boys allowed in girls' rooms or girls allowed in boys' rooms.
- Electronic devices such as phones, video games, iPads, or portable devices with headphones are permissible. However, they must be turned off during program activities. RIT accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged items.
- Rooms paid for by RIT will not have access to room service, pay-per-view movies, or other hotel amenities.
- To receive these services, participants will need to go down to the front desk and pay for these services with a personal credit card.
- Participants should not abuse or deface facilities, or abuse, deface or steal property.

These rules and policies will be strictly enforced.

Participants who do not wish to adhere to these rules and policies should not participate in the RIT Next Big Idea.

Chaperones/coaches and participating parents are expected to help enforce these rules and policies.

Please complete this form and return it along with the rest:

I have read and agree to abide by the rules outlined in this participant rules document.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chaperones / Coaches Signature: _____ Date: _____

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