

Attention: All DECA State Attendees– Preliminary Info Sheet
Congratulations on qualifying for the State DECA Conference!

Parents, please contact Mr. Siler if you have questions: <http://www.jefferybsiler.com/>
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Meals / Registration/ Hotel: RRISD is paying for registration, transportation via Charter bus to/from Dallas, hotel rooms, & **\$7/meal**. **Your student may want to bring additional \$ for snacks or souvenirs.**

When:

Feb 20: **10:00am** Be at Westwood HS
Feb 20 **10:30am** – Depart for Dallas (students will be in assigned buses)
Feb 21 **8am – 5pm** Competition Day
Feb 22 **1pm (approx.) - Depart after awards ceremony & ICDC meeting**
 5pm – Arrive at Westwood HS

- **HOTEL CURFEW every night at 11pm (be in your room at 10:50pm) – We can get disqualified for violating curfew**
- **NO ALCOHOL, NARCOTICS, OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL BE TOLERATED**
- **AT NO TIME, will students of opposite gender be in the same hotel room!**

Who:

176 students, 14 Adults (DECA Sponsors /Westwood staff members, parent chaperones)
Assistant Principal: Dr. Mark Kylar **Sponsors:** Jeff Siler, Laurie Coker, Janice Frank
Other Westwood Staff: Lucy Riusech & spouse, Dorothy Radebaugh
Parent chaperone: Chris Chen, Sharon Zheng, Terry Salem, Jinyu Wang, Yong Li, Jing Huang, Sandeep Engala, Vani Ramigiri

Where (Conference & Lodging):

Conference:
Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
[400 N. Olive Street](#)
[Dallas, TX 75201](#)
214-922-8000

Lodging:
Fairmont Hotel
[1717 N. Akard St](#)
[Dallas, TX 75201](#)
<http://www.fairmont.com/dallas/>

- Per RRISD & Texas DECA policies, student rooms will have 3-4 (same gender) assigned to them.
- **Per RRISD Policy, only the parent of student may drive his/her student to or from conference (with signed permission form)**

Dress Code:

- **Wear your Blue DECA T-shirt on Tuesday:**
- **DECA (Professional) attire required (description - see attached page):**
 - o Opening Ceremony (Tuesday night – meet in lobby at 5pm)
 - o Role Plays and Presentation (Wednesday)
 - o Award / Closing Ceremony (Thursday am)
- **School Dress Code:** All other times (even when away from hotel)

Photo IDs:

Students must have picture ID: Military, TX Driver’s Licenses & Permits, school IDs

Parents – Please understand that if any of these rules are broken, it would be your responsibility to pick up your child in Dallas so that the rest of the chapter can continue to compete. Signing the permission slips let us know that you agree to this. I know we are taking best students and have no doubt that they can be counted to present themselves in a positive manner for Westwood HS. Thank you in advance for your help with this. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Student Guidelines (Outside hotel):

*Important – students cannot go alone at anytime outside the hotel – All travel is in groups of 2, preferable 3 or more! Parents – please note that students (in groups) will be allowed to walk around the surrounding area during daylight hours without a chaperone. They will be limited to a 7 block radius. **Students are NOT Allowed to take the DART UNLESS WITH PARENT / CHAPERONE***

Bring books, tablets, & schoolwork. There'll be downtime between events.

Absences: Students -please notify your teachers immediately that you will be gone Wednesday and Thursday (*come to school on Friday!*). You will need make up missed work.

Grades: Remember grades for the 6 weeks must be passing. If you have a waiver for a Pre AP or AP class, please get this as soon as you know your grade

Opening & Closing Ceremonies:

- **EVERYONE MUST ATTEND Opening & Closing Ceremonies**
- No one is allowed to leave until Sponsors (Mr. Siler, Ms Coker, Ms Frank) say so
- I will not allow you to go to ICDC if you leave during ceremonies
- **Stay in DECA dress (you represent Westwood HS)**

Written Events: 2 copies, printed, hole punched & delivered to **Mr. Siler's room 4pm, Fri, Feb 16th**

Agenda (Tentative): Detailed agenda can be found at: <https://www.texasdeca.org/state-conference/>

Tuesday (20th):

10am	Meet at school – wear your blue DECA t-shirt
10:30am	Depart from Westwood HS
	Stop in Temple or Waco for lunch on the way
5 pm	Meet in Lobby of our hotel (DECA dress)
	We will take a shuttle to the opening ceremony
	Find out where your role play rooms are while at Sheraton
10:50pm	Be in your room (11pm – Room check)

Wednesday (21st):

8 am-6pm	Role plays & Presentations (your time/location – on badge, arrive 20 min early)
4:30pm	Voting Delegates need to be seated (Lone Star Ballroom)
7pm – 10pm	Student Activities (Casino Night - Ballroom)
10:50pm	Be in your room (11pm – Room check)

Thursday (22nd):

7:15am	All bags packed (Advisors & chaperones will be checking all rooms)
8:00am	Meet in lobby to take shuttle buses
8:15am	Seating for Award Ceremony
9am	ALL MUST ATTEND (Lone Star ballroom) /ICDC info meeting after awards
1pm	Depart Dallas for Westwood
5pm	Arrive Westwood (approximately)

Dress Code: What do students wear?

The Dress Code is the same as District. I do have several boys and girls DECA blazer jackets of various sizes-see me if you need one. I also have several boys ties as well. General guidelines are as follows:

Girls:

Official DECA Blazer (jacket) or dark blue/black jacket
Nice skirt (no higher than top of knee) or nice pants (khaki recommended)
Nice blouse
Dress shoes (height of 3 1/2 inches or shorter)

Boys:

Official DECA Blazer (jacket) or dark blue jacket
Nice slacks (khaki recommended)
Collared Shirt
Necktie
Dress shoes
Black socks

The following is unacceptable attire during DECA Activities:

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Skirts higher than top of knee
- Swimwear
- Leggings or graphic designed hosiery/tights
- Athletic Clothing
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances

Checklist of what to bring:

- Business attire for all 3 days
- School appropriate outfits for 3 days
- Toiletries
- **Photo ID!!!!**
- Homework
- Study material
- Competition material
- Extra spending \$ (you will get \$49 for meals)
- Electronics & chargers
- Games / entertainment for down time

Downtown Dallas

Nearby Restaurant Options:

Name	Address	Distance from Fairmont	Distance from Sheraton
Starbucks	In the lobby of the Fairmont	-	-
Au Bon Pain	1445 Ross Ave, 5 th Floor	Next door	.6 mile
Mom & Pop Sandwich/Salad place (name unknown)	1445 Ross Ave - Basement level in the tunnel	Next door	.6 mile
Powerhouse Deli	601 N. Akard St.	Across street	.5 mile
Taqueria La Ventana breakfast all day - \$2 breakfast tacos plus \$6 bowls, burritos, quesadillas.	1611 McKinney Ave.	.3 miles (6-minute walk)	.8 miles
El Fenix	1601 McKinney Ave.	.3 miles	.8 miles
Quiznos	720 N. Harwood St.	.3 miles	.3 miles
Snappy Salads	717 N. Harwood St.	.3 miles	.3 miles
Carmine's Pizza	2006 San Jacinto St.	.3 miles	.3 miles
Klyde Warren Park Food Trucks 11am-3pm Relish (\$6-7 burgers/ dogs)	2012 Woodall Rodgers Fwy	.3 miles	.5 miles
Subway	2100 Ross Ave	.3 miles	.3 miles
Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse	325 N Saint Paul St C4 (in the tunnel under the Republic Center bldg.)	.3 miles	.3 miles
Enchiladas	1304 Elm St.	.4 miles	.5 miles
La Madeleine	2121 San Jacinto	.4 miles	.2 miles
Renaissance Tower Food Court <i>Chick-Fil-A, Potbelly, Taco Bell, Dickey's BBQ, etc.</i>	1201 Elm St.	.4 miles	.6 miles
Subway	1700 Pacific Ave	.5 miles	.3 miles
Jason's Deli	1409 Main St.	.5 miles	.6 miles
McDonald's	407 N. Lamar (near the West End)	.5 miles (10-minute walk)	1.3 miles
	700 N. Pearl St. (Plaza of the Americas)	.5 miles	.2 miles
Sushi One	600 N. Pearl St. (Plaza of the Americas)	.5 miles	.2 miles
La Madeleine	2121 San Jacinto	.4 miles	.2 miles
Bread Zeppelin -Salads Elevated	1300 Main St.	.5 miles	.6 miles
Salata Salads	One Main Place, 1201 Main St.	.5 miles	.6 miles
West End			
Spaghetti Warehouse	1815 N. Market St.	.6 miles	1 mile
TGI Friday's	1713 N. Market St.	.6 miles	1 mile
Gator's Sports Bar	1714 N. Market St.	.6 miles	1 mile
RJ Mexican	1701 N. Market St.	.6 miles	1 mile
Chipotle	208 N. Market St.	.6 miles	1.2 miles
Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse	302 N. Market St.	.5 miles	.8 miles

Nearby Activities:

Business	Cost	Address	Distance from Fairmont	Distance from Sheraton
Klyde Warren Park (full time security on duty) ----- Foodtrucks/ Game carts (11am-4pm), botanical garden and Butterfly garden	Free	2012 Woodall Rodgers Fwy	.3 miles	.5 miles
Perot Museum of Nature & Science	Main Exhibit Halls free; charge for other	2201 N. Field St.	.5 miles	1.0 mile
Crow Collection of Asian Art 10 am - 5 pm	Free	2010 Flora St.	.3 miles	.4 miles
Dallas Museum of Art	Free general admission; fee for special exhibits/events	1717 N. Harwood St.	.2 miles	.4 miles
Dallas World Aquarium	\$21.00	1801 N. Griffin St.	.4 miles	.8 miles
Nasher Sculpture Garden, 11am - 5pm	Students w/ID \$5 ----- Adults \$10 ----- Groups 10 or more \$2 off	2001 Flora St.	.2 miles	.4 miles
Federal Reserve Bank (exhibits of historical currency, banking system, etc.)	Free	2200 N. Pearl St.	.5 miles	.6 miles
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (10am-6pm) ----- Exhibits - JFK assassination)	Students \$13 ----- Adults \$16	411 Elm St.	.8 miles	1.3 miles