

FARMINGTON UNITED PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (FUPE)

RULES OF CONDUCT

In order to have a successful and safe experience it is imperative for this group to follow certain rules. Keep in mind that this is considered a school function. Therefore, all Farmington Public School Rules as presented in "The Student Code of Conduct" apply. Copies of this book can be viewed at: http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/student_code/

Violation of any of these rules are subject to immediate dismissal from the ensemble and any monies paid will be forfeited to FUPE!

Other rules have to do with us as a group. Here are some examples of those rules:

- Attendance:
 1. Excused = School schedule conflicts, Family commitments, illness/injuries, work commitments, etc. that have been communicated with the director. Make sure you fill out the calendar you were issued for scheduled conflicts! Conflicts that arise after the calendar is returned must be made in writing or by e-mail to Mr. Kuerzi. Illnesses and/or injuries must be reported prior to rehearsal to Joe Kuerzi at 248-943-3404 or e-mail joseph.kuerzi@farmington.k12.mi.us
 2. Unexcused = Anything not listed above or not communicated as described. Telling your friend is not communicating and will be an unexcused absence!!
 3. Any member who accumulates more than two (2) unexcused absences will be asked to leave the ensemble. Any monies paid will be forfeited.
- Behavior and Proper Etiquette:
 1. Members are to be polite and respectful at all times to staff, parents, and each other.
 2. When traveling to shows, remember that other groups are to be shown respect. This is not a sports team. Trash talk is never appropriate and will not be tolerated by this group.
 3. All areas of practice, storage, performance, etc. are to be respected and kept clean at all times.
 4. Equipment is to be taken care of at all times. Report any equipment malfunctions as soon as noticed.
 5. You are responsible for having your music and equipment with you and in good condition each day. All equipment must be put away properly every day.

6. Rehearsal time is very important. Every second wasted takes away from the final product. These are some time wasters:
 - Talking while instructors are talking
 - Not being prepared (equipment, music, etc.)
 - Not paying attention
 - Loitering before and after is not allowed.
Please be sure to make arrangements for pick up after the rehearsals and shows, so that the staff does not have to wait for you to be picked up.

And above all, There is an absolute **"ZERO TOLERANCE"** rule in place for the possession of any banned items. Including, but not limited to:

1. ALCOHOL
2. DRUGS
3. TOBACCO
4. WEAPONS

All members are subject to search of their persons, lockers, bags, backpacks, etc. Anyone caught with any banned items will be dismissed from the group and will be reported to the proper authorities, including Parents, School Administrators and The Local Police. No exceptions, no excuses, PERIOD!

Anyone that feels they may not be able to conform to this policy:
GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!!!

Please have the attached agreement sheet signed by you and your Parent and return by November 15, 2009.

FUPE RULES OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT SHEET

I have read the Farmington United Rules of Conduct and agree to follow those rules. I understand that failure to follow the rules as stated could result in disciplinary action including removal from the group and loss of any paid fees.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

To be returned by November 15, 2009