

**FREDONIA HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL CODE OF CONDUCT
2024-2025**



The Fredonia High School musical is a beloved tradition in our school and community dating back to 1973. Students involved in the musical are held to a high standard throughout rehearsals and performances. This code of conduct must be read and signed by every student participating in the musical as well as a parent/guardian. Failure to comply with the guidelines and expectations laid out in this document may result in dismissal from the production.

Every show is a GROUP effort and every member of the team matters: cast, pit, crew, and adult staff. A cooperative and cheerful attitude is necessary to put on a production of this magnitude and that attitude is expected from everyone associated with the musical.

Musical Staff

The following adult staff members will be involved in this musical. Please note the “supervisors” for particular areas as they will be referenced in other parts of this code of conduct.

Ben Wendell, *Director* (supervisor of cast)

Andrew Bennett, *Orchestra Conductor* (supervisor of pit)

Stephen Raghunath, *Vocal Director*

Rosanne Chesbro, *Choreographer*

Steve Cobb, *Set Design/Stage Manager* (co-supervisor of stage crew)

Kathy Wickmark, *Costume & Prop Design* (co-supervisor of costumes & props crew)

Josh Fulmore, *Lighting Design* (supervisor of lights crew)

Jackson Hickey, *Sound Design* (supervisor of sound crew)

Amanda Wickmark, *Hair & Makeup Design* (supervisor of hair & makeup crew)

Erin Guiffreda, *Costumes & Props Assistant* (co-supervisor of costumes & props crew)

James Hobbs, *Running Crew Chief* (co-supervisor of stage crew)

Steve Wendell, *Acting Coach*

Kevin Way, *Rehearsal Accompanist*

Susan Cobb, *Sets/Costumes & Props/Photography*

Attendance

Students are expected to be ON TIME for all rehearsals they are called for. If they cannot make a rehearsal, they must notify their supervisor BEFORE rehearsal. Students with more than two unexcused absences may be reassigned or dismissed from the production. Unless previously arranged with your supervisor, no members of the musical should be missing ANY rehearsals during the final three weeks leading up to opening night. Cast and pit members may not miss any performances unless there is an emergency. Any crew member who has to miss a performance must tell their supervisor well in advance and may not be able to continue with their particular assignment.

Academic Eligibility

Students must maintain academic eligibility throughout the rehearsals and performances. Any student on the blue card who does not maintain eligibility may be reassigned to another role or dismissed from the production entirely. Any student with two weeks of being academically ineligible may be immediately dismissed from the production. Please see an adult staff member if you are having trouble keeping up with everything. We want to help you succeed on stage and off!

Rehearsal Rules: All school rules apply during musical rehearsals.

- 1) Be kind to one another. The musical is a very rewarding experience, but it can also be stressful at times especially as the show nears and we have long rehearsals. Try to always be a positive force within your particular area and the musical as a whole. Encourage and help one another. Bullying or harassment of any student or adult will not be tolerated under any circumstances and could result in dismissal and/or discipline. We are all in this together and have the same goal at the end!
- 2) Students who engage in illegal activities such as alcohol consumption, drug use (including sharing of over the counter drugs), smoking, vaping or inappropriate sexual behavior at a musical rehearsal may be immediately dismissed from the production and subject to further punishment at school. Students who engage in these activities outside of musical but during the musical season may be suspended from musical rehearsals and may be reassigned to another role or dismissed from the production.
- 3) Please take care of all your belongings during rehearsals and do not touch things that do not belong to you. If a prop is not yours, do not touch it. If it is yours, take care of it! Cell phone use should only occur during down time at rehearsals and never during notes.
- 4) Be prepared for every rehearsal and productive at every rehearsal. Cast and pit members should be looking at their lines and music outside of rehearsal. All cast, pit, and crew members should be utilizing their time effectively at rehearsal.

Costs & Other Opportunities

There are a number of optional costs associated with being in the musical. If you have any financial concern with these items, please contact a member of the musical staff and we will work with you confidentially.

- 1) **Buffet & Wrap Party** – Students will be offered a buffet dinner for every performance as well as the final dress rehearsal and a wrap party after the final performance. Cost typically ranges \$5-\$7 per meal.
- 2) **T-Shirts** – Students will have the opportunity to purchase a show t-shirt. Family members are welcome to purchase a shirt as well. Cost typically ranges \$15-\$20 for t-shirts and \$25-\$30 for hoodies.
- 3) **DVD** – Students may purchase a DVD of the performance at the end of the production. Cost is typically \$15 per DVD.
- 4) **Cast Photo** – Students may purchase a cast photo. Cost is typically \$10 per photo.
- 5) **Tickets** – Show tickets will go on sale a few weeks prior to the first performance and are \$10 per ticket.

Communication

Always communicate with your supervisor if you have any questions or concerns. If you have a question or concern and cannot get ahold of someone, please contact Mr. Wendell at 716-785-0752 or bwendell@fcsd.wnyric.org

Cancellations

In the event of a snow day or cancelled after school activities, continue the rehearsal schedule as is. We will make up the missed rehearsal at a later date. Please check e-mail regularly when those events happen.

Website

All important documents will be posted on our musical website: fredoniamusical.com. Tickets will also be available at this link once they go on sale!

Parent Involvement

We love having the help from parents as part of our musical family. All parents will be receiving an e-mail in the coming weeks with ways to get involved.

Signatures & Contact Information

*****Please fill out this page and return to a member of the musical staff by January 18*****

I have read the Code of Conduct for the FHS Musical and will abide by all the guidelines and expectations in this document.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Role Within Musical (circle one):

Cast

Pit Orchestra

Stage Crew

Costumes & Props

Sound

Lights

Hair & Makeup

Other

Student Signature _____

Student Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

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