

**Fenton High School
2019 Winter Drumline**

**Membership Contract &
Guideline of Expectations**



WELCOME TO THE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL WINTER DRUMLINE!

In this packet you will read about the philosophy, expectations, and policies of the Fenton Winter Drumline. The information described below will help you understand what it means to be apart of this special ensemble and what kind of commitment is involved in joining the group. By signing this contract you are confirming that you are 100% on board with the program and will fulfill your commitment to the ensemble.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The FHS Winter Drumline provides an opportunity for students to develop their musical and life skills through the art of percussion performance. We hope to instill a strong sense of perseverance, dedication, personal achievement, growth, self-confidence, music appreciation, and work ethic through the pursuit of excellence.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Fenton Winter Drumline has a unique philosophy for rehearsal and performance. It is simply stated:

BE YOUR BEST

Success, as we measure it, is striving to be the best we possibly can be, every day, every practice, and every performance. Our goal is to be the best that we can be and achieve excellence each and every day. Success is achieved by YOU CHOOSING to be your best.

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

The Fenton Winter Drumline rules and expectations are based on three concepts:

- 1. SHOW RESPECT**
- 2. BE PREPARED**
- 3. BE ON TIME**

SHOW RESPECT: Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect the facilities, equipment, and the performance.

Good behavior, self-discipline, and positive attitude are expected of all Fenton Winter Drumline members.

Instruments, music, pencil, notebook and other equipment must be cared for, put away properly and brought to rehearsals and performances as requested.

BE PREPARED: Drumline members are responsible for doing their best, working on their individual skills, and practicing. All equipment must be brought to rehearsals as requested.

BE ON TIME: Students should arrive at the building **10 minutes before** rehearsals are scheduled to begin in order to get equipment, get to the right locations, and be ready to start on time. See Attendance Policy.

If these expectations are followed regularly, the winter drumline experience will be rewarding, enjoyable, and successful.

Since this is a school organization, all Fenton High School rules and regulations are in effect at all rehearsals and performances. Please refer to the FHS Student Handbook.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Winter Drumline is a commitment and an investment. It is a commitment to a group in an effort to achieve excellence and an investment in yourself to become the best that you can to develop life skills that will pay dividends in your personal and professional life for years to come.

EXPECTATIONS: You have made a **commitment** to be in the winter drumline for the season. Everyone in the group is counting on you. In order to have successful rehearsals and performances, it is essential that we have full attendance. **The absence of one person not only affects that person, but also the entire group.** The critical factors of uniformity, balance, precision, spacing and alignment cannot be improved and maintained with absences. **Students must bring an excuse note from parents for any absences. You are expected to miss no more than ONE rehearsal.**

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Unexcused absence from a performance is unacceptable and results in automatic dismissal from the ensemble. Unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in removal from the next performance on the first offense. A second unexcused absence from rehearsals will result in automatic dismissal from the ensemble.

LEGITIMATE EXCUSES: Legitimate excuses for rehearsal absences are *illness, accident/emergency, serious illness/death in the family, and doctor's appointments.* If possible, contact the band office (810-591-2600) to leave a message prior to an absence from a rehearsal or performance. A **request** to be excused from a future event must be turned in at least *two weeks prior* to the date and will be considered by the directors, pending the legitimacy of the case presented.

ASK: If you are not sure or have a request, problem, or question, **ask** the directors **before** the event occurs.

FHS Winter Drumline Parent Expectations

Your student and the program as a whole needs your support. If possible, attending shows to cheer is always encouraged. In addition to your support in the stands, assistance with helping to move equipment, reminding performers of materials, demonstrates support for our ensemble. Lastly, helping with fundraising efforts, Winter Drumline t-shirt orders, and any management of snack/water will make a difference to our performers.

Most importantly, we need your flexibility. As you will quickly learn, we have a rigorous rehearsal schedule and there are times where we encounter issues that are out of our control. If a rehearsal is cancelled, added, or rescheduled, we ask that you be as supportive and flexible as possible to get your child there. The success of the group depends on it.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The fees for the 2019 Winter Drumline season are \$50 per member. This cost will cover new drum heads, sticks and a Winter Drumline T-shirt. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks should be made out to: Fenton Band Boosters.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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REMIND SIGN UP: Text @fhswdl to 81010. We will use this for all communications.

After reading all of the content within this packet, please sign the contract on this page, detach, and submit to the line director, Mr. Kevin Adams no later than our first rehearsal, December 3rd.

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL WINTER DRUMLINE CONTRACT

By joining this group I, _____, confirm that I have read the contract and the attached forms.

I am able to commit financially to the fee for FHS Winter Drumline.

I understand the role I will play in this upcoming season.

I will be able to attend all rehearsals and shows.

I have also read this contract and understand that any violation of the contract will result in taking the necessary action to resolve the violation.

I am committing myself to excellence and to the ensemble and will prove to be a vital part of this organization.

Member Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date