

Failure to return this signed contract does not remove students from the obligations of the VPA program and the stipulations in this contract.

Akron Public Schools

Enrollment Agreement for Firestone Visual & Performing Arts Program 2011-2012

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This agreement is made for the 2011-2012 school year by and between the Firestone Art's VPA Program and

_____ and _____
(Name of student) (Parent/guardian of student)

Because the student has elected to participate in this program and therefore assumes responsibilities for the program, the purpose of this Agreement is to secure the commitment of the Student and his or her Parent/Guardian to abide by the rules and procedures of Firestone VPA Program and the Akron Board of Education. Education is a three way commitment and obligation. It is essential that all parties involved understand and formally agree to fulfill the below obligations.

SECTION 1. THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE FIRESTONE VPA PROGRAM AGREE TO:

1. Provide an environment that promotes effective arts instruction.
2. Provide an environment which emphasizes personal responsibility, self-discipline, and self-respect.

Arts Teacher Date

SECTION II. STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE FIRESTONE VPA AGREE TO:

1. Strive for excellence and at the very least maintain an accumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average in all academic and arts course work per semester.
2. The student must maintain a semester grade average of C in each of the VPA courses.
3. Maintain a level of conduct that meets or surpasses the standards set by individual instructors, Firestone High School, and the Akron Public Schools Code of Student behavior.
4. Be properly attired according to the requirements established by the arts staff for obligatory functions.
5. Attend school regularly so your attendance is positively reflected in your arts and academic grades.
6. Be prepared on the first day of class with all supplies needed in your arts area.
7. First obligation is to the VPA program. Any conflicts with any non-VPA activities or classes are to be made known to the VPA instructor at least two weeks prior, and resolution must be made to the satisfaction of the VPA instructor. Missing VPA obligations will affect the grade in the VPA course.
8. Attend performances as assigned in arts classes.
9. Fulfill all obligations in the specific arts areas as outlined below-grade will be affected if obligations are not met.

DANCE

1. Purchase and wear appropriate dance clothing as required by the instructor.
2. Participate in all performances, other obligatory performances, and all rehearsals involved.
3. Contribute 15 hours of work toward a main stage FHS theatrical production as assigned.
4. Attend two professional or collegiate dance performances during the year.
5. Bring one blank VHS tape to school on the first day for dancer's portfolio.
6. Have a three-ring binder and keep through the four-year program.
7. Participate in dance classes at a local studio of choice during each year of the contract, and provide documentation.

DRAMA and TECHNICAL THEATER

1. Complete a minimum of 20 hours annually of work on stage crew.
2. Wear appropriate clothing for all acting and tech classes.
3. Regularly participate in school performances as well as after school rehearsals and activities.
4. Participate in a wide range of theater and arts-related activities both inside and outside of school.

MUSIC

1. Participate as a soloist in the Ohio Music Educators Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event.
2. Participate in a "jury".
3. Attend and practice for class lessons.



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4. Participate for a minimum of one (1) year in one of the following capacities for experience in the interdepartmental work of producing a main stage musical. Students will:
 - a) be selected for the pit orchestra
 - b) cast for a musical stage role (per audition) or
 - c) contribute 25 hours on crew as assigned.

Student must have fulfilled one-year's obligation by the end of the junior year, or obligation can not be met to fulfill contract. Failure to participate will affect the grade in the major ensemble and result in removal from the VPA program with return to home school at the end of the junior year.

VISUAL ART

1. Participate in school, community, state and national art shows as requested by the teacher.
2. Participate in portfolio review at the end of each school year.
3. By first semester of the senior year, the students will have completed a portfolio of work that will be entered in a variety of local and national competitions and/or a senior jury, college entrance requirement, etc.
4. Summer assignments will be part of the work required for the program and a part of the grade for the first nine weeks.

SECTION III. PARENTS OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE FIRESTONE ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM AGREE TO INSURE THAT:

1. They will support the requirements as outlined above as well as the requirements of the individual course work. The student reports to all scheduled rehearsals, performances, and other obligations on time and is picked up on time from such events.
2. The student attends school regularly and on time.
3. They will support the various arts performances through attendance at functions to the limit schedules permit.
4. They understand that failure to meet all the aforementioned obligations will have consequences outlined in SECTION IV below.

SECTION IV. REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM.

The staff of the Firestone VPA program is committed to the success of every child. Students must also make the commitment to succeed.

1. If the student fails to meet the obligations of Section II, Number 1 the student will be removed from program and return to his/her home school. [Exception: After conference with the student, the instructor(s) in the discipline, with the approval of the VPA Coordinator and Principal, may place the student on probation for one semester.]
2. If the student fails to meet the obligations of Section II, Number 2, the student will be removed from the program and return to his/her home school. [Exception: After conference with the student, the instructor(s) in the discipline, with the approval of the VPA Coordinator and Principal, may place the student on Probation for one semester.]
3. If the student fails to meet the obligations of Section II, Numbers 3-9 or the specifics listed under each area, the student may be, at the discretion of the VPA coordinator and/or principal, immediately removed from the program. The student will return to his/her home school at the time of dismissal.
4. Students who voluntarily drop the program or change their discipline must have an exit conference with the teacher(s), counselor, parent, VPA coordinator, and/or principal.

MEDIA RELEASE

Because of the very visible nature of the arts program, we often have various news media requesting access to the arts students and their activities. Please indicate below your preference if this should occur. (This is different from the media release information you receive in a summer mailing from Akron Public Schools).

- I give my permission for my child to be interviewed, photographed or filmed.
- I DO NOT give my permission for my child to be interviewed, photographed or filmed.

I have read and understand and agree to all of the above.

_____ Student Signature _____ Date

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date

Please sign and return to your VPA Teachers ASAP.

This agreement must be completely filled out and returned by the end of September or a hold will be placed on the student's report card.