Downsville Central School Drama Club Contract 2019-2020

We are very excited to be directing this years' drama production of Peter Pan Jr. at DCS. Performing in a musical is an experience that students will remember for the rest of their lives, and it is our pleasure to work with you/your child on this exciting project.

There are a number of benefits to being in a musical, including: active participation in the arts, improving literacy skills, becoming a confident public speaker, and gaining critical thinking & problem solving skills.

As with any group activity, every participant has responsibilities. Please look over the following items to make sure you feel you can honor the commitment to being a part of a show.

Academic Expectations:

Every member of the Drama Club must keep up with their homework and maintain passing grades. If a student is failing a class, it is their obligation to meet with their teacher(s) and develop an action plan to get caught up. Participation in Drama Club is NOT a reason to miss an academic commitment. If a student is constantly failing/falling behind they may not be allowed to participate in drama club.

Behavior Expectations:

The same rules apply in Drama Club as they do during the school day: Students must respect each other and themselves at all times. Students must be responsible for themselves, their role/job, and their own belongings. This includes personal props and playbooks.

Sometimes (maybe a lot of the time!), you will need to step outside of your comfort zone, but this is a safe place to do it! You have the chance to try on a role, to experiment, and to take risks. Therefore, everyone must show respect for others to create a safe environment. Negative comments and behavior will NOT be tolerated.

Attendance/Rehearsals:

Students are expected to be at all scheduled rehearsals and performances. Please remember that we are a team and if one person is absent, it really affects the entire cast and rehearsal. If you have to miss a rehearsal, please contact Mrs. Pantilieris or Mrs. Henderson as soon as you know you will be absent. Because this is a huge commitment, attendance is taken very seriously. If you have 3 unexcused absences from rehearsals, you will not be allowed to participate.

Rehearsals will *tentatively* be on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:05-4:55. Since rehearsals do not start until 3:05, students must go to the cafeteria after school until rehearsal starts at 3:05. Students will not be roaming around the halls. Rehearsal days

may be adjusted and more days may be added if needed. There will be some days where every student is not required to attend. A rehearsal schedule will be posted outside the music room and made available on the district master calendar online and on my DCS webpage.

Students should bring their scripts, a pencil, a snack, a drink, appropriate shoes and clothing for movement, **and homework or a book to read to every rehearsal** (There may be some rehearsals where students will not have a lot of lines to work on).

For students who are also involved in sports - we will do our best to work out a schedule that allows you to participate in both activities. When there are sports practices the same day as drama practices, students will be required to attend half of drama rehearsal and half of sports practice. It is not fair to other students if a member is constantly missing drama rehearsals for athletic practices.

*Students are required to be at rehearsal every day the week of the show. The show is scheduled for Friday, April 24th at 7pm and Saturday April 25th at 2 pm. Students will need to be back at school by 4:30pm on Friday and at 12:00pm on Saturday.

Expulsion from Drama Club:

Drama Club, like all extra-curricular activities, is a <u>privilege</u> in which students can participate. Being a part of Drama Club is a <u>huge commitment and responsibility</u>. Should any member of the team not meet the expectations for drama club he/she will be no longer be able to participate and be a part of the show. Reasons for expulsion are as follows: failure to attend rehearsal without prior communication with the directors, disrupting a rehearsal, failure to make progress with role (line memorization), disrespect towards any staff member or students, and any inappropriate behavior including the use of profanity.

The student and their parents/guardians will be notified if a student is no longer a part of drama club.

Transportation:

Students need to make arrangements to be picked up after rehearsal or take the late bus home at 5:00pm. Students will need a note to stay after school as well as the permission slip for the After School Program turned in.

Volunteering:

The most important thing parents can do to help with the musical is make sure your child commits to everything listed above. If you want to volunteer additional time or resources to the production, simply drop us a note/email with your name, and we will contact you when assistance is needed. We are still in the process of compiling a list of everything that needs to be done, but when we have tasks that need to be done, we will let you know! \odot

Finally, please remember that a musical is a living, breathing entity. Things do not always go exactly as planned, so changes to the plan will most likely be made throughout the rehearsal process. I promise to give you as much notice in advance as possible on all changes that arise. My school website and the DCS district calendar will be updated with current rehearsal schedules and information.

If you have questions or concerns at any time throughout the process, please feel free to contact us by email or at school after 2:40 p.m. and we will be happy to help you.

We are looking forward to working with everyone and putting on a great production with dedicated and enthusiastic students!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hope Pantilieris Drama Club Director hpantilieris@dcseagles.org 607-363-2100 Mrs. Margaret Henderson Assistant Drama Club Director mhenderson@dcseagles.org 607-363-2100

a_{1} Drama Club 2019-2020 **TENTATIVE Rehearsal Schedule** (Days may be added or removed as necessary) All rehearsals are from 3:05-5:00 in the Chorus Room or Auditorium Wednesday 1/22 Monday 1/27 Thursday 2/6 Thursday 2/13 Wednesday 2/19 Monday 2/24 Wednesday 2/26 Monday 3/2 Monday 3/9 Thursday 3/12 Monday 3/16 Wednesday 3/18 Monday 3/23 Wednesday 3/25 Monday 3/30 Thursday 4/2 Wednesday 4/15 Thursday 4/16 Dress Rehearsal Monday 4/20 Dress Rehearsal Tuesday 4/21 Dress Rehearsal Wednesday 4/22 Dress Rehearsal Thursday 4/23 SHOW Friday 4/24 SHOW Saturday 4/25

Drama Club Contract	
(Student) Contract as stated on previous pages	, have read and understand the Drama Club s. By signing this contract, I am committing to the DCS nd performances unless there is an emergency.
Student Signature	
(Parent) Contract as stated on previous pages giving permission for my child to be	, have read and understand the Drama Club s. By signing this contract, I understand that I am e a member of the Drama Club. I understand that my ertain days for rehearsals and will need transportation ate bus.
Parent Signature	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
On most rehearsal days my child wil	llTake the late bus home (departing DCS at approximately 5:00)Be picked up by myself or another family member at 5:00Walk home
Notes or concerns:	

This portion of the contract must be returned to Mrs. Pantilieris for student participation.