

Wharton High School

Club Name: _____

**PARENTAL AWARENESS FORM
2019-2020**

Dear Parents,

There are a variety of clubs offered at Wharton High school. They are based on our students' interests. Research tells us that students who participate in clubs have a greater feeling of belonging, connectedness and engagement with the school and other students. This may help students be more successful in school.

In order to give you the opportunity to help your child select his or her club(s), the club listing is on the Wharton website, <http://wharton.mysdhc.org/clubs>. Please discuss this list with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the club sponsor or the Assistant Principal for Administration.

Also attached is the Parental Awareness Form on which you may tell us if you wish to limit the number or kinds of clubs your student may join. Please return it to _____ by _____.
(Sponsor) (Date)

We will continue to provide you with information on changes that may occur during the school year. This information will be communicated to you in newsletters, student handouts, and/or our website. You are welcome to call the school at any time for specific information regarding any club or organization, or to discuss any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Wharton High School

My student _____
(Student Name)

_____ may participate in _____
(Club Name)

_____ may not participate in any club

_____ may not participate in the following clubs:

Parent Signature

Date

Social Media Policy and Guidelines for Wharton High School Student Activities

Paul R. Wharton High School recognizes and supports the student rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social media; however, parents and students must acknowledge that club participation for WHS is a privilege and not a right. As a student, you have the responsibility to portray your club/organization, your school, and yourselves in a positive manner at all times.

Students should understand that third parties, including the media, faculty, and future potential officials can easily access your social media profiles and view all personal information. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of the students, the student activities department, and Wharton High School. Students need to remember that NOTHING is private on social media.

WHS will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:

- Content online that is derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity examples: derogatory comments regarding another individual; taunting comments aimed at a students, clubs, or organizations at another institution; derogatory comments against race, gender, and sex.
- No photos, videos, posts, or comments should depict or encourage unacceptable, violent, or illegal activities: examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, nudity, inappropriate gestures, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, and illegal drug use.

Students found to have violated the Wharton High School Social Media Policy may be subject to the following penalties:

1. Written or Verbal Warning
2. Meeting with Club Sponsor and APA
3. Club suspension or removal from Student Activities

Hazing

Hazing is defined as recklessly or intentionally endangering the mental or physical safety or health of any student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a high school and in accordance with section 1006.63, F.S.

Wharton High School strives to maintain a healthy student activities program in which all students feel safe and welcome and can be proud of the school and the student activities program they represent. I understand that hazing of any kind is not allowed on this campus and in the student activities program. This includes mental, verbal, and physical acts. I further understand that it is my duty to report any acts of hazing that I see to a club sponsor or administrator on campus.

The undersigned parent(s) guardian(s) and student(s) acknowledge having received an adequate opportunity to review this agreement, including policies on Hazing and Social Media. By signing below, I agree to uphold the School Policy and understand that any violation may result in my immediate suspension from the student activities and further disciplinary action at outlined in school policy and procedures.

Students name: _____ **Students signature:** _____

Parent/guardian name: _____ **Parent/guardian signature:** _____

Date: _____



Student Media Release Form

Date: _____

School: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Throughout the school year, the media may visit your child's school to cover special events. Hillsborough County Public Schools also may wish to interview, photograph, or videotape your child for promotional and educational reasons to utilize in publications, posters, brochures, and newsletters; on the Internet, radio, or television; or for other special district events. Before your child can participate in any of the above activities, you must give your permission by signing and returning this media release form to your child's school.

- I give my permission** for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped for use in school/district publications, school district productions, or for use on the Internet or by the general news media for print, broadcast, or on websites; and for his/her name to be published in school/district publications, on the Internet, or in news publications or broadcasts.
- I do not give my permission** for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped for use in school/district publications, or for use by the general news media for print, broadcast, or on websites; nor for his/her name to be published in school/district publications, on the Internet, or in news publications or broadcasts.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name (*please print*): _____

Date: _____