

**Williams Middle Magnet School  
Model United Nations Team  
2021-2022 Information and Application Packet**

**What is WMMS Model United Nations (MUN)?**

The Williams Middle Magnet School *Model United Nations* (“MUN”) team simulates the crucial business of the United Nations assembly. Students role-play UN delegates representing an assigned country. Large-scale university MUN conferences field topics facing the international community. WMMS students serving on various committees engage in pre-conference research on assigned topics, their country’s position, and their country’s economics, politics, culture, and laws. This work culminates in the two-day conference in New York City at the end of March, in which students participate in diplomatic simulations scored by the chairs of each committee.

**Benefits of MUN Participation**

Students who participate in MUN gain academic training, enhance life skills, and will:

- Interact and collaborate with fellow academic-driven teammates
- Sharpen negotiations, conflict resolution, and public speaking skills
- Understand critical international issues and gain expanded knowledge of political, historical, economic, and sociocultural issues affecting international member states
- Integrate information across disciplines (geography, government, environmental studies, etc.)

**Leadership**

- Mrs. Peyton Dunn, 8th grade ELA, [peyton.dunn@hcps.net](mailto:peyton.dunn@hcps.net)
- Mrs. Monica Dutzar, 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History, [monica.dutzar@hcps.net](mailto:monica.dutzar@hcps.net)
- Mr. Jonathan Droog, 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History, [jonathan.droog@hcps.net](mailto:jonathan.droog@hcps.net)

**Meetings**

The team will meet twice a week:

- Once after school (3:30pm - 4:30pm) - day of week to be determined
- Once before school (7:15am – 8:20am) - day of week to be determined

Team members are expected to attend each meeting in order to prepare for conference. Students should avoid missing any meetings, but let club sponsors know ahead of time in the case of missing any meetings.

**Trying out for the Team**

Tryouts will take place digitally and will be due by \_\_\_\_\_

Part 1: Position Paper\*

Part 2: Recorded speeches based on position paper\*

\*Further directions are attached.

**Costs Associated with the Team**

New York City Trip (tentatively March 23-26, 2022)	approximately \$2100
Semester 1 Fee (Quarter 1-2)	\$120
Semester 2 Fee (Quarter 3-4)	\$120

## **Responsibilities of Team Members**

The WMMS MUN team practices twice weekly. These practices will begin after the team has been selected. Students who cannot commit to these weekly meetings cannot participate. Team members are required to attend the MUN New York Conference (tentatively March 23-26, 2022).

Team members compose a position paper in preparation for the MUN Conference. This assignment will be submitted in drafts and reviewed by the coaches to be a polished product.

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## **\*\*Tryouts Instructions\*\***

### **Part 1: Position Paper due on or before Friday, September 24, 2021 through Canvas message to Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Dutzar**

*What is a position paper?*

The main point of a position paper is to offer a solution addressing the topic provided. To simplify the tryout procedure, the paper you submit is a little different than a usual position paper for a Model UN conference. Normally, you represent a country; for now, you are speaking for yourself.

**Assignment:** The United Nations has adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to make the world a more prosperous and peaceful place. Choose one sustainable development goal. Find one-to-two current news events that display the issue this goal attempts to solve. Write a 1 page **position paper** (including citations! Be concise!) which explains the following:

- A short history of the issue
- The issue today
- Solution(s) to resolve the issue
  - Include 2 current, reliable research sources in an MLA bibliography.

Papers should not exceed 1 pages Anything past one page will not be read. Please use Times New Roman font, size 12, and double-space the essay.

There are many helpful online resources that provide guidance for the structure of a MUN Position Paper. You may want to consider and review this resource:

<https://www.helpmymun.com/how-to-write-a-position-paper/>

### **Part 2: Recorded Speech due on or before Friday, September 24, 2021 through Canvas message to Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Dutzar**

Based upon your position paper, prepare a **speech about 60 seconds** in length. Cover the main topics, but *focus most on your solutions*. Your speech should not be you repeating your entire paper. We want to hear you focus on the **main points**. *You will be stopped after 60 seconds*.

- You may use notes, but keep in mind that eye contact and tone are important elements of effective speeches.

## **Final Results:**

All participants will be notified via the MUN Interest Canvas group whether or not they made it into the MUN Club.

# 2021-2022 WMMS Model United Nations Application

*Turning in the following application demonstrates intent to tryout for our MUN 2021-2022 team as well as understanding of and commitment to the below requirements of Model United Nations.*

Complete and turn in this completed application to Mrs. Dunn in Room 240 by **September 24, 2021.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Highlight one)

Explain why you would like to participate in the WMMS MUN team:

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Explain why you believe you would be an exceptional MUN team member:

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List two teachers that would be willing to positively recommend you for our MUN team if we ask them about you. 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Students & Parents —Initial the True Statement(s):**

Student Initial	Parent Initial	<b><u>MUN Commitment Statements</u></b>
		I can attend the NYC MUN Conference, tentatively March 23-26, 2022.
		I understand that I need to attend the meetings to be successful in MUN and that I need to give advanced notice for any meetings I will miss.
		I understand that I must arrive on time and prepared for meetings, and must be picked up on time as well.
		My parents and I understand the financial costs of joining the WMMS MUN team. (approximately \$2,100 trip, and two \$120 semester club fees).
		I understand that this team requires me to uphold deadlines for writing and research.
		I will work and collaborate successfully to be fully prepared for our conference in March.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date