



# Meadowmount Standards of Conduct, Campuswide Policies, and Student Rules

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**REVISION:** This document will be revised and updated as needed. During the summer program any updates will be communicated to students by Counselors / RAs and/or by Meadowmount administration.

## **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:**

As a condition of participation, Meadowmount expects students to use good judgment and to observe normal standards of courtesy, common sense, honesty, integrity and respect for others while at Meadowmount. Students are expected to be kind to one another and to communicate in a calm, clear, and respectful tone and avoid the use of inappropriate language and/or humor. Students are to behave in a mature, responsible way and respect the rights and dignity of others. Students will take responsibility for their actions. Students will respect themselves, each other, personal space and property, Meadowmount equipment, buildings, and environment. Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions. Students will be caring in their relationships with others. Students are encouraged to proactively talk to a counselor or any Meadowmount staff member if they are uncomfortable with any experiences or need assistance while at Meadowmount.

## **CAMPUSWIDE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES:**

### **COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS:**

**All students are expected to manage their own schedule and allow sufficient time to walk from their dorm to lessons, studio classes, concerts, etc. Students manage and communicate their schedules via weekly door schedules.**

Important announcements are communicated via the Meadowmount app and by Counselors and Residents Assistants. Meadowmount will endeavor to share announcements outside of quiet hours and hours with limited cell phone use.

The Bulletin Board in Main House is where faculty and staff post lesson and chamber coaching times. Students are asked to check the Bulletin Board frequently.

**CELL PHONE / ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY:**

As a general practice, limited cell phone use is encouraged during the Meadowmount summer for all students. However, phones also provide a primary tool to manage schedules and communication. To support students with reducing time spent on electronic devices the following guidelines apply:

- Hours with limited cell phone use:
  - 10:30 pm to 12:30 pm
  - 5:00 to 6:00 pm
  - During studio class, concerts, master classes, and any other artistic event.
- For students under 18, phones and electronic devices are collected and securely held by Counselors during the above hours. Students may request access to their electronic devices for the following reasons:
  - Use of an i-Pad for reading music
  - Access to phone to check schedule and teacher communications during non-practice times..
  - Access to phone for important phone calls (parents, etc.)

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

- All students are expected to attend Meadowmount concerts and events with guest artists.
- Where events with guest artists conflict with practice time and/or other classes, staff will clarify who is expected to attend.
- If students are unable to attend a concert or event for any reason, they are asked to let their Counselor / RA know in advance and provide a reason for not attending.
- Meadowmount students have a long tradition of warmly supporting their friends and fellow students. Support and celebration of performance achievements is encouraged and builds on this tradition.

**CONCERT DRESS POLICY:**

- Students are expected to show respect for performers, guest artists, fellow students, and audience members by dressing appropriately for concerts. This includes dresses or dress shirt/blouse and dress pants/shorts/or skirt. Jackets and ties are optional.
- No gym clothes, beach attire, graphic t's, flip flops, crocs, or clothing that is see-through or overly revealing/cropped.

**COUNTY ROUTE 10 POLICY:**

County Route 10 is a lovely country road but there is no safe area for pedestrians or bikes. Anyone walking on County Route is effectively sharing the road with cars. The posted speed limit is 55 MPH but cars and trucks do exceed this limit from time to time. Meadowmount has posted 'pedestrian crossing' signs and works to raise awareness of students using County Route 10.

- **Students over the age of 18 are asked to use extreme caution when walking, running, or biking on County Route 10 and vicinity backroads.** Brightly colored clothing, reflective gear, and safety vests are strongly recommended.

- **Students under the age of 18 may only use County Route 10 under the following circumstances:**
  - Crossing at designated crosswalks with a staff member, counselor, or over-18 student.
  - Joining a counselor or staff-led run or walk/hike departing from Meadowmount. The counselor or staff member will provide safety vests for 1 in every 2-5 students and be responsible for monitoring road safety.

**DORMITORY POLICIES:**

- Each dorm room has a bed, twin mattress, desk, chair, and chest of drawers. Rooms are furnished with a pillow and set of sheets.
- Students are asked to conserve water at all times and report plumbing leaks, drips or running toilets to the Main Office immediately. Students are asked to limit showers to 5 minutes per day.
- No candles, burning incense, fireworks, explosives, campfires, weapons, or pets are permitted.
- No cooking is permitted in dormitories except rice cookers, electric kettles, and provided microwaves in common areas.
- Only small personal electrical items may be used in rooms with powerstrip/with surge protector. Extension cords are not permitted in dorm rooms or common areas.
- No hooks or padlocks are permitted on student doors, a room key is provided.
- Students are asked to bring room and furniture related requests to Counselors and RAs. Students must not move or take school property without asking first.
- Please be advised that there will be unannounced fire drills and health and safety inspections of common rooms and dorm rooms.
- Students are asked to keep their room in a safe and orderly condition. Meadowmount Housekeeping staff are dedicated to keeping living spaces clean and supporting students throughout the summer. Students are asked to remove items from the floor and surfaces to support with cleaning each week.
- A weekly laundry service is provided. Students are strongly advised to remove items from pockets and not include items that are labeled 'dry clean' or 'hand wash' only.
- Students wanting to do laundry separate from the weekly laundry service must coordinate with Laundry Room access with their Counselor/RA.
- Students are not allowed to reassign their own rooms. Any request for room changes must be made to the Director of Campus Life.

**DINING ROOM POLICIES:**

- Eating utensils, cups or trays may not be taken out of the dining room. Please plan to bring any cup, bowl, plate, or utensil you may anticipate needing in your dorm room during the summer.

**OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT POLICIES:**

- Students under the age of 13 are required to live off campus with a parent/guardian.
- The primary practice room for off-campus students will be off-campus at their housing location.
- Off-campus students may request a practice room when their schedule requires them to remain on campus between activities or for chamber music rehearsals.

- Off-campus students are asked to create a weekly schedule to share with the Main Office and the counselor assigned to off-campus students.
- Off-campus students may not leave campus with anyone other than their parents/guardian or participate in field trips without written parental approval.
- Parents/guardians are reminded to not drive between activities on campus but to use County Route 10 and are only allowed to park in designated parking areas on campus.
- Parents/guardians do not need to remain with students during concerts, artistic activities, and clubs as long as the Under-13 Counselor has an updated and accurate schedule from the student.
- Off-campus students have access to the school canteen and common room in Main House, but not the Sally Thomas Recreation Center except during organized activities.
- Off-campus students may arrange to eat meals in the Dining Room and pay for meals on a per-Summer or weekly basis. Breakfast \$10, Lunch \$14, Dinner \$16.

#### **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY:**

In the event of a thunderstorm with lightning activity, a shelter-in-place alert will be issued. **In the event of a 'shelter-in-place' alert, students MUST find shelter inside the closest building.** Mountains are close to thunderclouds, and minerals in exposed bedrock have a positive electrostatic charge that lightning is attracted to. In 2024, we had 3 direct lightning strikes on campus in a single day and lost a beloved tree next to the Concert Hall. Specific shelter-in-place information will be included as part of orientation.

#### **WILDLIFE POLICIES:**

- **Bats present a unique health concern:** Meadowmount works to ensure that doors and windows have good, working screens to reduce the chance of bats indoors. In the event of missing or damaged screens, students must promptly report this to their Counselor/RA. Staff, counselors, and RAs are trained to respond to indoor bat sightings. **Students MUST not attempt to remove bats and are asked to promptly report bat sightings, close doors, and leave the area.**
- **Food Storage:** Meadowmount works year-round to manage any mouse population across the campus. **Students MUST keep their dorm snacks in the Common Room fridge or in glass, metal, or hard-sided plastic containers secured with a lid in their room.**
- **Tick Awareness:** Students are asked to do a tick check after being outdoors. Any student with an attached tick is asked to report to the campus nurse. Note: ticks can be very tiny.

#### **SMOKING POLICY:**

- Meadowmount is a smoke-free campus except for one designated smoking area behind the tractor storage barn. Smoking in or around any other buildings on campus is strictly prohibited, including e-cigarettes. Students over 21 are only permitted to smoke outside in this designated smoking area during non-practice, event, and class times.

#### **ALCOHOL POLICY:**

- As a general rule, Meadowmount is an alcohol-free campus.

- Alcohol may only be served at Meadowmount receptions and dinners with approval from the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for ensuring that no individual under 21 is served alcohol. When the Executive Director cannot be present, the Artistic Director or Director of Campus Life will supervise receptions and dinners.

#### **DRUGS POLICY**

- Any use of, possession of, distribution of, selling of, buying of, solicitation of and/or being under the influence of marijuana, illegal drugs or misuse of prescription drugs or controlled substances is prohibited while at Meadowmount as a student.

#### **VISITORS-ON-CAMPUS / STUDENT SIGN OUT POLICIES:**

- Visitors and guests are welcome to attend any public concert in the Concert Hall.
- Visitors and guests on campus at any other time must sign in at the Main Office.
- Family visits are typically between 12:30 pm Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. For students under 18 wanting to leave campus, a family member must sign the student out at the Main Office.
- Students under 18 can only leave campus with a relative, friend, or parent of another student with written parental / guardian permission.
- Meadowmount cannot provide overnight accommodations or food service for visitors.
- Friends may only visit during open concerts and are not allowed in student housing.

#### **DRIVING ON CAMPUS POLICY:**

All student vehicles must be registered with the office. The posted campus speed is 10 MPH. Entrance and exit to the campus is always from the closest driveway to your destination. Driving your personal car on or across campus is not allowed. As a general rule, students are not to drive or be driven on campus.

#### **STUDENT RULES - for Students Under 18:**

- Be on time for lessons, classes and practice hours.
- Practice without distraction – no device usage, except practice recording.
- Attendance is required at all concerts and artistic activities.
- No copying, recording or sharing of classes, concerts, guest artist presentations, etc.
- Students under 18 are not allowed off campus (including County Route 10) which runs through our campus, without a counselor, faculty member, campus life staff member, or a parent/legal guardian.
- Students may only leave campus with a friend or relative over 18 where a signed release form by a parent/legal guardian is on file in the Main Office, according to state law.
- Student schedules must always be updated and shared with Dorm Counselors. Under state law, we are required to know where students under 18 are at all times.
- Bedroom doors must be propped fully open when students have friends visiting in their room.
- Sleepovers are not permitted either in dorm rooms or in Common Areas.
- Students must be in their dorms by 10:00 p.m. and in their own rooms by 10:30 p.m. each night. Or 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Saturday nights.

- Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 7:15 a.m. (11:00 pm to 8:15 am Saturday night to Sunday morning).
- During quiet hours, no practicing, playing stereos or loud noise and conversation is permitted.
- During practice hours, no playing stereos, loud noise or conversation is permitted. Students are encouraged to take the 10 minute break together.
- Cell phone use is limited & restricted per the Cell Phone Policy above.
- NO student under the age of 18 may have any items restricted by the NY State Department of Health, including but not limited to: OTC (over the counter) medication and/or prescription medication in their possession or in their dormitory without written authorization from their private physician and/or school administration.

**STUDENT RULES - for Students Over 18:**

- Be on time for lessons and classes.
- No copying, recording or sharing of classes, concerts, guest artist presentations, etc.
- Students must not enter any dormitory housing for students under the age of 18.
- Students must adhere to the smoking, alcohol, drug, and driving policies included above.
- Students are expected to follow the attendance, cell phone, dress code, dorm, dining hall, and County Route 10 policies included above.
- Except for pre-arranged housing assignments, there shall be no co-habitation in on-campus dormitories and houses.
- Quiet hours for all students are 10:00 p.m. to 7:15 a.m. or Saturday 11:00 p.m. to 8:15 a.m. During these hours students must avoid loud noise and talking, especially near dormitory row, the Main House, or any living quarters.
- The Main House common areas and Practice cabins close at 10pm. Practice Rooms in Rose Performance Space remain open but must be reserved/signed out prior to use.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Meadowmount is committed to supporting each student and helping ensure that each student is safe and able to bring their best self to Meadowmount in order to achieve their personal and artistic goals for the summer.

Where a student is found to have acted in a manner inconsistent with the above policies and rules, the student generally will be given the opportunity to explain their decisions and actions. Generally students will receive a verbal or written warning and in some cases a corrective action plan which may include further check-ins, meetings, and jobs/tasks on campus.

However, at all times Meadowmount reserves the right to dismiss a student without a warning or corrective action plan. Students should understand that using and/or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs on campus, possession of weapons on campus, harming or threatening to harm others, harassment in any form, entering an underage dorm, entering the dorm of the opposite sex, tampering with alarms and/or fire equipment, damaging Meadowmount buildings or property, offensive and disrespectful communication, and any illegal activity that involves local authorities may be reason(s) for dismissal without warning.

Students who are asked to leave Meadowmount will not receive a refund or credit of any kind.

**The above Standards of Conduct, Expectations and Policies, and Student Rules are acknowledged as read and understood when students sign the Meadowmount Pledge as part of their enrollment as a student to Meadowmount.**