

GREAT ROOM -House Rules-

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You have entered a special place, where we take a high view of personal responsibility. Please keep this in mind as you study and abide by the rules below. One of Mr. Pelham's key responsibilities is to protect the overall experience of everyone here such that it is enjoyable, edifying, efficient, and effective for as many as possible. Please strive to see things from that wider view, rather than only from the narrower me-only point of view.

1. Treat everyone with uncommonly-high respect and honor. Think "Golden Rule".
2. Bullying and other aggressive behavior, whether physical or psychological, is grounds for immediate and permanent expulsion.
3. No student shall loiter outside the Great Room at any time, with or without parental permission, unless accompanied by a parent.
4. Neither Sunglasses nor hoods nor hats shall be worn indoors.
5. Be on time. (Tardiness is not just a personal event, but takes a toll on the experience of the entire group.)
6. We hope you're here to give at least as much as you take. It's a win/win that way.
7. If you're in a class or ensemble, be engaged and give it your all. Otherwise, what's the point?
8. Fear and apathy are the natural enemies of learning and engagement. Find the courage and care to overcome them.
9. If you're not in a class, but are the parent or family member of someone who is, you're quite welcome to be here as long as there's room, provided you can be silent and non-distracting.
10. If you make a mess, please clean it up.
11. If you see an ordinary mess having been left by someone else, please help us out and clean it up, too. If it's an extraordinary mess, please bring it to our attention.
12. There shall be no running or horseplay ever—inside or out—by any person, including toddlers.
13. Parents should remove their disruptive and/or unruly children from the Great Room until that behavior has subsided.
14. No one shall enter the Forbidden Closet without having been granted permission by Mr. Pelham to do so.
15. There shall be no cheating in any game or contest or assignment undertaken here. Nor shall there be lying. Both are dishonorable and unfit for this community.
16. Please think about how YOU could help to make our mission and goals successful.