

Model United Nations Student Information Packet

Conference

The 18th Annual Frederick County Model United Nations will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2023. The event will take place at Frederick High School - 650 Carroll Parkway, Frederick, MD 21701. Snow date is Saturday, February 4, 2023.

Website

The conference website has recently changed. The new address can be found [here - https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/modelunfcps2022-2023](https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/modelunfcps2022-2023). A copy of this packet is available online, as well as basic conference information. All papers and permission forms **must** be submitted via the website.

Conference Orientation and Training Session

There will be an orientation and training session on Saturday, October 8 from 9:15 am to 12:00 pm at Frederick High School – 650 Carroll Parkway, Frederick, MD 21701. Check-in/Registration will begin at 8:45 am. There will be workshops for MUN participants of varying experience levels.

The training session will use a rotation format consisting of 3 rotations. Students will be able to choose topics of interest. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. The pre-registration form will be available on the [website](#) starting in early September. Those who have not pre-registered may do so the day of the orientation session, however they will be limited in choice to those sessions that still have open spaces. A basic description of the workshop options can be found on the [website](#) and [here](#). Several new workshops have been added this year.

High School Committees and Topics

Below is a listing of our committees for this year. A detailed description and a background guide for each topic will be available soon on the [website](#).

General Assembly 1: Global Food Security

General Assembly 2: Global Water Security

**** The two General Assemblies are open to all but are great for those new to the MUN experience. There is a lot of training and guidance provided within these committees.**

Organization of American States: Post Conflict Reconciliation of Rebel Groups - Limit 25

**** This committee will be conducted entirely in Spanish – Position Papers and Committee Sessions. Participants must be fluent to participate.**

Security Council: Refugee Resettlement - Limit 15

****This committee is only open to those with prior MUN experience.**

The following committees are specialized committees. They are limited in size and it is very helpful for those participating in them to have prior MUN experience. Those new to MUN can sign up for one of these committees, but should work closely with their advisors to prepare.

World Health Organization: Preparation and Protocols for Future Pandemics – Limit 30

UN Environmental Program: Arctic Treaty Development – Limit 30

UNESCO: Repatriation of Cultural Heritage Artifacts - Limit 35

IAEA: Nuclear Waste Management or Nuclear Site Security - Limit 30

African Union: Transforming Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development – Limit 35

Middle School Committees and Topics

Below is a listing of our middle school committees for this year. These committees are open to **Middle School students ONLY**. A detailed description and a background guide for each topic will be available soon on the [website](#).

Middle School General Assembly: Militarization of Space - Limit 30

Middle School UN Women: Improving Economic Opportunities for Women - Limit 35

Middle School UNESCO: Equitable Access to Educational Technology - Limit 30

General Information

All eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities apply.

A timeline is provided for registration, position paper submission and permission form submission. All deadlines are final. Students who do not meet the deadlines WILL NOT be allowed to attend the conference.

To help students prepare for the Conference, a resources page has been added to the [website](#). After the training session, any materials the presenters choose to share will be available on this page.

Questions pertaining to the position papers may be directed to:

- Your Advisor
- Committee Chair (contact information listed on the [website](#))
- Devon Ketrow at devon.ketrow@fcps.org or 240-236-7143

If there are any questions other than position papers please contact:

- Your Model UN Advisor
- Devon Ketrow, Coordinator for MUN at devon.ketrow@fcps.org or 240-236-7143
- Colleen Bernard, Curriculum Specialist for Secondary Social Studies at colleen.bernard@fcps.org or 301-644-5256.

Timeline

October 8, 2022	Orientation and Training Session and Early Registration
October 10, 2022	Regular Registration Period Opens
November 18, 2022	Registration Closes at 8:00 pm
December 11, 2022	Position papers <i>AND</i> permission forms uploaded to the website by 8:00 pm
Every student must have completed a position paper AND permission form submitted ON TIME to participate.	
January 28, 2023	Model UN Conference Frederick High School
February 4, 2023	Snow Date Frederick High School

How to Select a Committee and Nation

Student nation selections will be made either during Early Registration or during the Regular Registration period.

Early Registration Process: Takes place at October 8th Orientation Session.

Students choose their committees and nations at the end of the Orientation Session. **Selection order will be based on the order in which you signed up for the Orientation session. On site registration will be given a number that day.** When it is time for selection to begin, numbers will be called **in order**. This means - if you are the 10th person to sign up for the orientation session, you will be the 10th person to pick your committee and nation during early registration.

When a student's number is called, they will head to the registration area, make their committee and nation selection and then fill out the registration form. Participants will receive an email confirming their registration within a few days of the Orientation. Assignments are not official until a confirmation email has been received.

Please come to orientation with **at least two committees and four nations** in mind.

Regular Registration Process: Takes place from Monday, October 10 through Monday, November 18 at 8pm

Regular registration will open on Monday, October 10, 2021 and go through 8:00 pm on Monday, November 18, 2021. Students and advisors wishing to register their students during this time frame should email Ms. Ketrow at devon.ketrow@fcps.org and provide the following information:

- Student Name (First and Last)
- School
- Advisor Name
- Email address – one that you actually check on a regular basis!
- Desired Committee and Nation Assignment #1
- Desired Committee and Nation Assignment #2
- Desired Committee and Nation Assignment #3
- Desired Committee and Nation Assignment #4
- Desired Committee and Nation Assignment #5
- **If signing up for the Security Council, you must include your number of years of MUN experience.**

All registrations during this period will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. A list of available committees and nations that are still available will be updated on a regular basis and posted to the [website](#).

Some school systems have protocols in place that will not allow access to Google Docs from FCPS, even though the links are set to anyone with the link can view. As a result, the available nations list will be posted to the website in Word format as well.

Nations of international importance in regard to the topics/questions may be assigned by the organizers if they are not filled by student selections, as there are some specific nations that must be represented in each committee for our conference to be meaningful.

Permission Forms

All students must submit a Permission Form. Permission Forms will be completed electronically and can be both found and submitted on the [website](#). They will be available starting in late September.

Assistant Chair Information and Applications

Students wishing to participate in a leadership role at the Conference can apply to be an Assistant Chair. Application information is available on the [website](#). Applications are due by **Friday, October 28 at 8:00 pm**.

Guidelines for Student Participation

ROLE

The student representative brings a nation's viewpoint to bear in debate. Each student will participate in the conference in such a way that closely represents the perspective of their nation on the topics/issues, assist in preparing resolutions, as well as act as the ambassador of their nation to the United Nations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Preparation to represent their chosen nation to the best of their ability.
2. Submit a position paper that exhibits research on the topics and the chosen representative nation's stance on these topics.
3. Prepare for the conference by practicing the working procedure of the Model UN.
4. Develop an understanding of the United Nations history and working procedures.

ATTENDANCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to fulfill ALL of the following:

1. Meet the deadlines for the position paper and permission form.
2. Attend the entire day's activities for the Model UN Conference.
3. Comport themselves in a manner that is appropriately serious befitting the occasion.
4. Dress professionally, as educational/social functions such as this require appropriate attire, specifically Western Business Attire.

ASSISTANT CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Meet all deadlines as designated by the chair of the committee.
2. Work with the committee chair to determine award winning papers and delegates (the day of the conference).
3. Work with the chair of the committee prior to the conference day as needed.
4. Assist in all aspects of running the committee to which they are assigned.

POSITION PAPERS

Position papers should be 1–3 pages, single spaced, and written in a standard font. The paper must address the issue facing the assigned committee.

All papers must include appropriate citations.

Papers should include:

- An outline/overview of the issue and your nation's position/the effect this topic has on your nation
- An explanation your nation's participation (or lack thereof) in current International Policy/UN Treaties on the topic
- Policies and proposed solutions to the issue that your nation would be willing to support
- Be prepared to represent your nation's interests in a crisis situation introduced the day of the conference (keep apprised of current events leading up to the day of the conference).