

APPENDIX H

Virginia Choral Directors Association, VMEA
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HIGH SCHOOL ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS COMMITMENT FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____	Grade: _____
School: _____	Height in inches: _____
Director: _____	

HEALTH & INSURANCE INFORMATION

Emergency Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Alternate Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Insurance Company: _____	ID #: _____
Individual/Group Name: _____	Group #: _____
Initial here if no insurance: _____	

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Any student enrolled in a music performance organization as recognized by the school division (performance-based ensemble within the school curriculum), and who is recommended by the director of that organization, is eligible to audition for All-District Chorus, Workshop Chorus, or any choral group selected for the event. Students must be enrolled in the choral program at the time of the auditions and at the time of the All-District Chorus event. Schools using an alternative form of scheduling may request a waiver of this requirement from the President's Committee.

This student has my recommendation and endorsement for being selected as a member of the All-District Chorus. I understand that the student's director or a chaperone, which must be designated in writing, is required to accompany him/her to this event. It is further understood that the choral director must be a member of NAfME/VMEA or pay a non-member participation fee in order for this student to participate.

Choral Director Signature

Principal Signature

ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS CONTRACT

I have read and understand all Event Rules & Regulations, Rehearsal Expectations and Consequences that apply to participation in the All-District Chorus event. I further understand that this form with the required signatures must be submitted on time to the Chair of All-District Chorus before this student is permitted to participate in the All-District Chorus event to be held on the scheduled dates: -

I authorize the choir director of my child's school or an official of All-District Chorus to take any precautions deemed necessary by a qualified physician. I understand that this would be done only in an emergency situation.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS CONTRACT

(All regulations on this page must be read and attached to or printed on the reverse side of the previous signature page.)

EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Transportation is the responsibility of the individual students in accordance with local school policies as determined by the school administration.
2. Members of All-District Chorus may not miss any rehearsal during the event. The only exception is if the student is granted an excused absence, in which case the student may only miss one rehearsal block. One rehearsal block is defined as break to break on a single day. Students involved in such a conflict must submit a written request including: name of student, event conflict, and rehearsal block to be missed, to the All District Chorus Chairman prior to the event. The Chairman is responsible for determining a ruling with the All District Chorus Committee. An excused absence may be a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sponsored competition or any other reason approved by the committee. If a student does not communicate this information prior to the All District Chorus Event, he/she will not be excused regardless of the reason.
3. Students who become ill during All-District Chorus may be excused from rehearsals and/or the concert without penalty with the approval of their choral director and District Choral representative. Excused absences due to illness will be determined only on the condition that the student's illness is severe enough that continued participation would be harmful to the student's health and/or that of other participants in the All-District Chorus.
4. When necessary, students will be housed in a hotel/motel or private homes close to the host school. Whenever possible, at least two students from each school will be housed in the same room/house. No housing assignments will be changed by the student.
5. At All-District Chorus Auditions or All-District Chorus, students, home school choral directors, and home schools will be liable for any destruction, theft, or damage to the host school, and motel or home used for housing during the event.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. The student will conduct herself/himself as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest honors in choral music in the state of Virginia.
2. The student will prepare all of the event music before attending the first rehearsal.
3. The student will sing only the part for which he/she auditioned and/or was assigned.
4. The student will sit in her/his assigned seat during every rehearsal unless officially changed.
5. The student will be in place when the conductor begins each rehearsal.
6. The student will have her/his own music, a black folder and a pencil for all rehearsals.
7. The student will stay on task and refrain from talking and using cell phones during rehearsal.
8. The student will sing with proper tone at the proper dynamic level as directed by the conductor.
9. The student will maintain proper posture while singing: *sit/stand up straight, both feet on the floor, music up, eyes on the conductor.*
10. The student will remain in the announced designated areas for all rehearsals, meals and event activities.
11. The student will NOT bring/consume any food or drink, other than water, in the rehearsal areas.
12. The student will NOT chew gum during rehearsal.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. A warning will be given to any student who does not comply with Rehearsal Expectations outlined above. If the student refuses to comply yet a second time, he/she will be dismissed from All-District Chorus
2. A student who leaves the All-District site without permission will be dismissed from All-District Chorus.
3. A student who misses any rehearsal - unless properly excused, illness or in cases of immediate emergency – will be dismissed from All-District Chorus.
4. In the event a student is dismissed because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations, no monies will be refunded.
5. In the event a student is dismissed because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations, the dismissal will be reported in writing to the student's choral director, principal and parents/guardians.
6. A student who is dismissed from All-District Chorus because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations will be disqualified/ineligible for All-VA Chorus.