

## Choir Contract

Membership in the Mesquite H.S. Choral Music Department offers many valuable and personal learning experiences. It also requires that each student accept a large amount of responsibility.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to uphold my responsibility as a member of the Mesquite H.S. Choir Department by following the rules and guidelines of this organization.

1. I will arrive at rehearsal on time with my music, a sharpened pencil, and a good attitude. **Gum chewing, eating, or drinking will not be allowed.** A water bottle may be brought to rehearsal. Failure to bring materials to rehearsal may result in a lowered rehearsal grade, parental contact and possible removal from the group.

2. I will be responsible for attending all required choir activities.

3. I will attend every scheduled performance or outside rehearsal unless excused **in advance** by the Director.

4. I will STAY OFF my phone or listening device during choir class.

\*\*\*DEFINITION OF AN EXCUSED ABSENCE - Absence resulting from illness, serious illness in the family, or bereavement. In the event of an illness, the Director is to be notified **prior** to the event by contacting the Choir Office voice mail at 972-882-7826. This must be a call from a parent, not a student. A written note of explanation from **the parent or guardian** regarding the absence must be turned in to the Director upon the student's return to school. If there is a conflict with a rehearsal or concert, let the Director know **IN ADVANCE**. A grade of two 100's for attendance and proper performance and a grade of two zeros for non-attendance will be issued for each required concert.

4. I will attend all rehearsals and sectionals. I understand that I will always be given at least two weeks advance notice before any required activity, and that most rehearsals and performances will be announced far in advance. **Therefore, it is understood that "having to work" is not an acceptable excuse.** A choir calendar for the year is included in this handbook. Please make note of required performances in **bold type**.

5. I understand that grades for choir will be determined by the following:

- a. tests and music assignments (10%)
- b. rehearsal grades (posture, attentiveness, alertness, punctuality, and preparedness) (40%)
- c. progress in sight-reading skills (10%)
- d. attendance at sectionals, special rehearsals and performances (20%)
- e. Six Weeks Exam (written or performance-based) (20%)

6. I will assume responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility in order to participate in extra-curricular activities. (Special Note: The scheduled Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts are considered co-curricular and do not require eligibility).

7. I realize that grooming must be neat, clean, and appropriate for the public appearances of this performing organization.

8. I will assume responsibility for my choir uniform; for the purchase of needed items that accessorize that uniform; and for the return of the parts of that uniform that are school-owned. **I will pay a \$16.50 uniform fee by September 2, 2016.**

9. I will return my uniform by the designated deadline at the end of the year. I realize that my grades will not be released until this responsibility is met.

10. I realize that music and materials will be issued to me by the school in good condition, and that if they are not returned in good condition, I am responsible for their replacement cost.

11. I realize that I must pass all of my classes and receive complete grades to remain eligible for all extracurricular activities. At the beginning of each six weeks, report cards will be checked for passing grades and for incomplete grades. If I am ineligible I will be subject to a private conference with Mrs. Resendez or Miss Pérez to discuss any possible waivers and activities that I will have to miss.

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Choir Period \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature

***Please return this page, signed and dated, by September 2, 2016.***