

## ALL -DISTRICT CHORUS COMMITMENT FORM STUDENT INFORMATION

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

## 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/they 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 and Regulations, Rehearsal Expectations, Consequences and COVID Assumption of Risk 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 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 in an emergency situation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

## ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS CONTRACT

*(All regulations on this page must be read and 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 has a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sponsored competition that conflicts with the All-District Chorus event. In this case, those students 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, VHSL event conflict, rehearsal block to be missed* to the All-District Chorus Chair prior to the event. The Chair is responsible for determining a ruling with the All-District Chorus 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 themselves as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest honors in choral music.
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 they auditioned and/or was assigned.
4. The student will sit in their 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 their 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 have any food or drink, other than water, in the rehearsal areas, and will NOT chew gum during rehearsal.

### ADDITIONAL COVID-19 REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

12. Student performers are required to wear a mask at all times while indoors. Singing masks are encouraged but not required. The only exceptions are during meals and while outside.
13. Students (or chaperones) who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure should not attend the event. In these instances, students will be issued a refund for their registration.
14. Any student not in compliance with these protocols and procedures will be sent home immediately and will not receive a refund.

### 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 excused by the All District Committee prior to the event, will be dismissed from All-District Chorus.
4. If 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.

### ASSUMPTION OF COVID-19 RISK:

By participating in this event, I acknowledge that I fully understand the nature and extent of the risks presented by COVID-19 due to my in-person participation at this event, including the risk that Covid-19 may lead to severe illness or death. I also understand and acknowledge that there are risks of exposure to COVID-19, whether resulting from travel through high risk areas, the failure of other individuals to follow proper COVID-19 protocols, such as maintaining proper social distancing and proper hygiene measures, and other such risks. While I understand that VMEA/NAfME has taken reasonable steps to address the risks presented by COVID-19, I recognize that the COVID-19 protocols being utilized at the event may be insufficient to prevent my contracting COVID-19 and suffering any related injuries, and that I expressly nevertheless assume all of these risks.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, therefore, I hereby release, waive, and discharge VMEA/NAfME, its officers, directors, employees, contractors, and agents, from any and all liability, loss, damage, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me while participating in this event or while in, on, or around the event premises that may lead to exposure or harm due to COVID-19.