

## APPENDIX H

# Virginia Music Educator's Association VCDA DISTRICT CHORUS COMMITMENT FORM

### REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Each student will have his or her own music and pencil for all rehearsals.
2. Each student will sing only the part for which he or she was assigned or auditioned.
3. Each student will sit in his or her assigned seat during every rehearsal unless officially changed.
4. Each student will stay on task at all times, and talking will only be allowed at designated times by the conductor.
5. Each student is to know all the music selected for District Chorus before coming to the first rehearsal.
6. Each student is to maintain proper posture while in the process of singing, i.e. sit up straight in chair, both feet on the floor, music up with eyes on the conductor.
7. No food or beverage will be consumed during rehearsals or permitted to be brought to the rehearsal area with the exception of water.
8. No gum chewing will be permitted during the rehearsals.
9. Each student must be in place when the conductor begins each rehearsal.
10. When necessary, students will be housed in a motel/hotel 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.
11. Members of the District Chorus may not miss any rehearsal unless they are missing a rehearsal for a Virginia High School League sponsored competition conflicting with the time of All-District Chorus. If this is the case, students may only miss one rehearsal. One rehearsal is defined as break to break. Names of any student involved in such a conflict must be given to the District Chorus Chairman prior to the event. The Chairman is responsible for determining a ruling with the District Chorus Committee.
12. Students will not leave the designated building or grounds of the sanctioned event unless expressly permitted by the District Chorus Committee.

### REHEARSAL CONSEQUENCES

A warning will be given to the student who breaks any of the above and the student's director will be informed of the problem. If the student breaks any of the above a second time, he or she will be dismissed from the District Chorus and the parents will be expected to be available to come pick up their child when called. If a student leaves the designated building or grounds without permission, they will not be allowed to complete the weekend. No monies will be refunded. A letter to the director, principal, and parents or guardian will be sent to inform all concerned.

Students will be made aware of these expectations by their director prior to the District Chorus Weekend. It is then the student's responsibility to conduct him/herself as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest honors in choral music.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL Herndon HS

DIRECTOR: Dana Van Slyke

I have read and understand all rules, regulations, expectations and consequences that apply to participation in the District Chorus Event. I further understand that this form with the required signatures must be submitted ON TIME to the Chairman of District Chorus before my child is permitted to participate in the District Chorus weekend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

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

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial here, if no insurance \_\_\_\_\_

If group, with whom: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to recommend this student \_\_\_\_\_ as a member  
Student Name  
of the District Chorus, and I realize that I am responsible for this student during the event.

Dana Van Slyke  
Choral Director's Signature

This student has my endorsement and congratulations for being selected as a member of the District Chorus. I understand that this student's director or a chaperone, which I have 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 VMEA or pay the participation fee in order for this student to participate.

[Signature]  
Principal's Signature