

APPENDIX B

ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS COMMITMENT FORM  
VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION  
CHORAL SECTION, VMEA

To be completed by All-VA Auditions Chairperson  
Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Choir: SSAA or SATB  
circle one  
1st Alt. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Alt. \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Part \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the Commitment Form below, obtain all required signatures, and return this form to your Choral Director immediately. Please PRINT all information neatly in BLACK INK.

Lynne Babcock  
Virginia Choral Directors Association President

COMMITMENT FORM

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
VOICE PART \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT in INCHES \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL (full name) \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Any Junior or Senior who is enrolled in the Virginia School Choral Curriculum is eligible to audition for the All-Virginia Chorus. If selected as a participant or alternate for the All-Virginia Chorus, he/she must attend ALL rehearsals, official activities and the culminating concert from Thursday, April 24 through and including Saturday, April 26, 2014 in order to maintain eligibility in the All-Virginia Chorus.

Should he/she be absent from, or tardy to, any All-Virginia Chorus rehearsals or concert, for any reason not approved by the VCDCA President, his/her position in the All-Virginia Chorus must be forfeited. This form, with the required information and signatures, must be sent to the All-Virginia Audition Chairperson by the required deadline: February 7, 2014.

ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS REGULATIONS

All participants must abide by the regulations as printed on this form. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in dismissal from the chorus. It is the parent's responsibility to work with the principal and choral director to appropriately arrange for the student to be removed from the site immediately.

1. No use of tobacco in any form or possession of the same.
2. No alcoholic beverages to be purchased or consumed during the entirety of the event.
3. Drugs are not allowed in any form. (Advise your director of any prescribed medications you are taking.)
4. Good manners, respectful behavior and courtesy shall be shown to fellow students and adults in position of authority at all times.
5. The student is obligated to attend the entirety of all rehearsals and the concert, unless excused for personal illness or family emergency. Furthermore, the student must participate in the event in its entirety, including housing, meals, and any other official events. 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.
6. All students are expected to wear the appropriate designated attire for the concert. District Representatives will make sure that the directors of participating students receive this information before the event.

REGULATIONS CONSEQUENCES

If the student violates any of the above Regulations, he/she will be dismissed from the All-Virginia Chorus and sent home at his/her parent or guardian's expense with no monies refunded. A letter to the director, principal and parents/guardian will be sent to inform all concerned.

ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS HOUSING EXPECTATIONS

1. Students will be housed four to a room with two double beds, in most cases. NO ROOM CHANGES ARE ALLOWED.
2. Curfew and lights out times will be announced at the end of each evening rehearsal. These times will be strictly monitored.
3. No room visitation will be permitted at any time by members of the opposite sex.
4. No outside visitors, other than immediate family, will be permitted in students' rooms prior to curfew. If family is to visit, the student must bring a note signed by a parent and give it to the floor chaperone at check-in. STUDENTS MAY NOT STAY IN PARENTS' ROOMS.
5. No visitation by ANYONE not assigned to that room will be permitted after curfew.
6. Students may not leave the designated building or grounds of the All-Virginia event site or hotel.
7. Excessive noise at the hotel is not allowed.

**HOUSING CONSEQUENCES**

If the student violates any of the above Housing Expectations, he/she will be dismissed from the All-Virginia Chorus and sent home at his/her parent or guardian's expense with no monies refunded. A letter to the director, principal, and parents/guardian will be sent to inform all concerned.

**ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS**

Each student will use appropriate rehearsal techniques, discipline and good manners in all rehearsals. This includes:

- A. Having music and pencil at all times
- B. Singing only the part to which he/she was assigned
- C. Sitting in his/her assigned seat during every rehearsal unless officially changed
- D. Knowing all the music selected for All-Virginia Chorus before the first rehearsal - a note check will occur at the first rehearsal
- E. Staying on task at all times and talking only at times designated by the conductor
- F. Maintaining proper posture while singing (i.e. sitting up straight, both feet on the floor, music up with eyes on conductor)
- G. No food or beverage being consumed during rehearsals or brought into the rehearsal area
- H. No gum chewing during rehearsals
- I. Being in place when the conductor begins each rehearsal
- J. Wearing appropriate attire for rehearsals
- K. No use of cell phones or other electronic devices during rehearsals and school hours

**REHEARSAL CONSEQUENCES**

A warning will be given to the student who breaks any of the above Rehearsal Expectations, and the student's director will be informed of the issue. If the student breaks any of these a second time, he/she will be dismissed from the All-Virginia Chorus and sent home at his/her parent or guardian's expense with no monies refunded. A letter to the director, principal, and parents/guardian will be sent to inform all concerned.

Prior to auditioning for All-Virginia Chorus, students will be made aware of these expectations by their director. It is then the student's responsibility to conduct him/herself as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest choral honors afforded in the state.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Chaperones will be assigned to each floor where students are housed and will be expected to see that these expectations are adhered to for your safety and comfort.
2. Contact YOUR chaperone for any emergency or assistance.

**ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS CONTRACT**

I have read and understand all rules, regulations, expectations and consequences that apply to my participation in All-Virginia Chorus. I further understand that this form with the required information and signatures must be submitted, ON TIME, to the President of the Virginia Choral Directors Association before I am permitted to participate in All-Virginia Chorus.

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

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

**COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY**

I authorize the choir director of my child's school or an official of the All-Virginia 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.# \_\_\_\_\_

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ OR Individual # \_\_\_\_\_

If group, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_ If no insurance, initial here \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am pleased to recommend this student as a prospective member of the All-Virginia Chorus for 2014 and I realize that I am responsible for this student during the All-Virginia event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Choral Director's Signature

If selected as a member of the All-Virginia Chorus, this student has my endorsement and congratulations. 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 in accordance with the Virginia Music Educator's Association Constitution. It is further understood that the Choral Director must be a member of VMEA or pay a participation fee in order for this student to participate.

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Principal's Signature