

**To: Choral Music Students and Parents**  
**From: Jason Britt, Director**  
**Subject: Required Rehearsals and Performances**

This is a contract that requires:

1. Thorough understanding by both students and parents
2. Signatures of students and parents

**REHEARSALS:**

From time to time, the necessity arises to have after school rehearsals. These are kept to an absolute minimum. Should the need arise, ample notification will be given as to time, location, date, etc. These rehearsals are considered as TESTS. Two test grades will be earned:

1. One is for the actual rehearsal
2. The other is for behavior/ citizenship

**PERFORMANCES:**

Performances are tests in choral music. They are a major means to used t evaluate the learning process of each student in the course. Performances are also earned privileges. The choral groups receive invitations to perform in the community regularly. Acceptance or rejection is made after a quorum is determined from the chorus members. If the performance is accepted, it then becomes a required concert for all members who affirmed acceptance. Two test grades are earned through each performance:

1. One is for the actual performance
2. The other is for behavior/citizenship

Some performances or rehearsals are required because they are already on the calendar. Should a student need to miss a required rehearsal or performance because of an emergency, the student the opportunity to make up the missed work. The following is a list of excuses I will accept:

1. The student is extremely sick or in the hospital (Dr.'s note required).
2. The student and his/her family is grieving the loss of a member of the immediate family (note required).
3. The student is ACTIVELY participating in an athletic event of the school
4. The student is participating in an academic field trip with the school

**WORK IS NOT A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE AND THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE UP THE REHEARSAL AND/ OR PERFORMANCE IF THE EXCUSE OF WORK IS USED!**

The actual performance or rehearsal cannot be made up; therefore, other means will be used to determine these test grades. **Students who miss a performance will need to schedule a session after school to sing their part by themselves.** This must not be considered to be a punishment of any fashion, but rather a tangible and valid way to allow students with valid excuses to make up the work that they have missed (as they would in any course in the curriculum). If a student has previously communicated that he/she knows they will not be in attendance, it is understood that the student must make up the assignment.

**IF A STUDENT DOES NOT ATTEND A PERFORMANCE (WHETHER THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED WITH ME OR NOT) ANDDOES NOT MAKE UP THE PERFORMANCE BY WAY OF THIS ASSIGNMENT, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNDERSIGNED STUDENT WILL NOT BE ELEGIBLE FOR CHORUS AT CAPE FEAR HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

A properly signed contract must be on file for each student enrolled in a choral music course at Cape Fear High School. Your signature below indicates that both parent and student have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the policy.

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(Parent signature)

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(Student signature)

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(Date)

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