

West Potomac Choral Department  
**Rehearsal and Performance Contract**

1. **I will attend all scheduled after-school rehearsals and performances as indicated on the choral calendar.** I will put all dates in my planner. When there are any conflicts with a scheduled choral event, I will immediately notify the director *in writing*. I will also notify the sponsor of the conflicting event as well as my parents. I understand that if I do so in a timely manner (at least two weeks in advance, the sponsor/coach will resolve the conflict, notify me of the decision, and my grade and athletic standing will not be affected.
2. **I will be on time to all daily class rehearsals, after school rehearsals, and performances.** I understand that six cumulative tardies to any event will result in a drop of one letter grade per quarter.
3. **I will not chew gum at any time while in the rehearsal room or concert hall.** I understand that if I am caught doing so more than three times, my grade may be lowered one letter grade.
4. **I will not bring hats, portable tape or cd players, cell phones, or beepers into the rehearsal or concert hall.** Doing so will result in the confiscation of the item(s), which can only be returned to a parent.
5. **I will follow all rehearsal discipline procedures, including:**
  - having my music and pencil at every rehearsal
  - sitting or standing with proper posture when singing
  - respecting the rehearsal process by remaining quiet unless asked to sing.  
**Talking or socializing during the rehearsal is not allowed at any time.**
  - marking my music in pencil with all directives as indicated by the conductor.
6. **I will not write personal notes to friends during rehearsals, read books, or do homework assignments for other classes during choral rehearsals.** These items will also be confiscated. I will place all non-class items in the area indicated by the director as I come into the room.
7. **I will pay all necessary fees, return all required forms when due, and be responsible for care of my music folder, music, and materials.** I will pay for the replacement of any lost or damaged item.
8. **Choral Uniform,**
  - If I am in a women's choir, I will purchase the required uniform through the choral department. Uniform must be paid in full before I can receive the uniform.
  - If I am in the men's ensemble, I will purchase a tuxedo shirt. I will also rent the tuxedo from the choral department, and be responsible for its return at the end of the school year. If damaged or not returned, I agree to pay the replacement cost.
9. I will abide by all FCPS policies whenever I am involved with a choral activity, whether it is during the school day, after school, in the community, or on a field trip. I acknowledge that I am required to sign the *FCPS Extracurricular Participation Policy*, and the *Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R)* contract given to me at the beginning of the school year. Smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons are forbidden at any school activity, and my involvement with any substance, or attending parties where such substances are in use, may jeopardize my membership in the choral program.

**Contract Signature Page**

Please sign and return this page to the choral room or Mr. E. Johnson’s mailbox in the main office by **September 11.** (You may also bring it that evening to the Fall Choral Banquet.)

Name of Student: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father :

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother:

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Choral organization: (Circle)    Symphonic Women    Bunchagize

Freshman Women                  Colonial Singers                  Bella Voce

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**We, the undersigned, have**

- **received the choral handbook and calendar for the school year**
- **read the performance contract and grading policy**
- **have read, signed and returned the *FCPS Extra Curricular Participation Policy***
- **agree to abide by the conditions and regulations described therein.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
*Student signature*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian signature*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
*Ernest Johnson, Choral Director*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
*Aaron Helmick, Fine Arts Administrator and Director of Student Activities*