



Tri-M[®] Music
HONOR SOCIETY

Preamble

We, the members of the Joseph A. Foran High School music department, in an effort to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, and promote leadership in the music students of our school, accept these bylaws for the establishment and operation of our Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter.

Article I—Chapter Name and Location

The name of this chapter will be known as:

Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter #5326 at Joseph A. Foran High School

Article II—Division

This chapter will be a Senior chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Article III—Purpose

The purpose of this chapter will be to:

- Provide an appropriate method for recognizing the musical achievements of our members
- Strengthen our school's music program
- Help our members reach their full musical potential
- Motivate and recognize our members' musical and personal achievements, credits, and grades
- Encourage our members to work together toward the same goal
- Inspire and challenge our members
- Focus public attention on our school's music program through community service

Article IV—Membership

Section One—Membership Classes

Members shall be Active, Alumni, or Honorary.

Section Two—Active Membership

A. Requirements

Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen by the school's music department members. Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen from those students enrolled in the band, strings and choral programs at Joseph A. Foran High School. Candidates, at the time of their selection, shall meet the following requirements:

- Students must be a high school student enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12 at Joseph A. Foran High School.
- They must be currently enrolled in a music ensemble (Concert Band, String Orchestra, Choir, or Advanced Vocal Ensemble) at Joseph A. Foran High School.
- Students must demonstrate exemplary musical achievement through the participation in the CMEA Regional Auditions.
- They must maintain at least a B+ average grade or equivalent in music courses with at least a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. in other courses.
- They must exhibit leadership, service, and character in their activities while at Joseph A. Foran High School.

B. Public Notice

A written description of the selection procedure shall be made available to all music students and their parents prior to candidate consideration. The selection procedure shall be consistent with articles of the Tri-M Program Guidelines.

C. Lapsed Membership

- Members and their eligibility for Tri-M membership shall be reviewed on an annual basis to consider their continued participation in the Tri-M program. These reviews shall be done in November of the school year), by the chapter advisor. The review shall confirm the member continues to meet the same criteria used for acceptance into the honor society.
- If a current member does not or cannot meet the academic or music criteria necessary to be considered a Tri-M member, his or her membership will lapse in good standing until the music and academic criteria are once again met.
- The chapter advisor shall determine when a lapsed member is reinstated based upon proof that membership criteria have once again been met.

D. Dismissal

Dismissal is a permanent revocation of Tri-M membership without the option of reinstatement unless overturned by an appeal. Dismissal is warranted by flagrant violation of school rules or criminal law. A member may be dismissed without warning. A written documentation of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

E. Dismissal Appeal

A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision. The principal of the school shall assign an impartial faculty committee of three or more to review the appeal. The same rules that would be used for a disciplinary appeal in the school district shall apply.

Section Three—Alumni Membership

Upon graduation, active members shall become alumni members. Alumni members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section Four—Honorary Membership

The chapter advisor may award honorary memberships in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the chapter in keeping with the purpose of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Honorary membership may be awarded to guest clinicians, school officials, principals, teachers, Tri-M advisors, adults, or students with disabilities who are unable to fully meet the active member criteria. Other students are not eligible for honorary membership. Honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Article V—Executive Committee

Section One—Committee Members

The executive committee of this chapter will consist of a chapter advisor and student officers.

Section Two—Chapter Advisor

The chapter advisor of this chapter shall be a teacher in the music department at Joseph A. Foran High School..

Section Three—Student Officers

The student officers of this chapter will include a president, vice president, and secretary.

Article VII—Duties of the Advisor and Student Officers

Section One—Chapter Advisor

The advisor of this chapter will act as supervisor, guide, and counselor in all matters pertaining to chapter operations. The advisor will attend all executive committee and chapter meetings and will help officers fulfill their respective duties, including maintaining chapter records and submitting chapter fees with the proper forms.

Section Two—President

The chapter president will lead the members toward the attainment of the goals of this chapter and of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The president will preside at all meetings of the chapter. The president and the other officers will conduct the induction ceremony for new members and will hold an election to appoint new officers annually.

Section Three—Vice President

The vice president of this chapter will preside at all meetings of the chapter in the absence of the president, and it will be his or her duty to assist the president. If programs, special projects, or activities are planned in addition to the membership presentation ceremony, the vice-president will also serve as program chairperson.

Section Four—Secretary

The secretary of this chapter will be responsible for all correspondence of the chapter and will keep an accurate record of attendance, minutes, and all transactions and meetings of the chapter. The secretary will also serve as social chairperson.

Article VI—Meetings

Section One—Planning

The executive committee will meet in advance to outline scheduled meetings.

Section Two—Times

Regular meetings during the school year shall be on days designated by the executive committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

Section Three—Frequency

There will be at least five scheduled meetings of this chapter per year and determined by the chapter advisor.

Section Four—Voting

All members may attend scheduled meetings. No meeting may be held unless the chapter advisor is present. Only the chapter advisor and active student members have a voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Article VII —Induction Ceremony

This chapter will hold one public induction ceremony each school year as planned by the executive committee. All induction ceremonies will be held after school hours with parents, friends, school officials, faculty members, and other students in the music department invited to attend.

Article VIII—Bylaw Ratification

Bylaws must be approved by the chapter advisor and school administration and receive a two-thirds affirmative vote from chapter members to be ratified as law of the organization.

Article IX—Amendments

The chapter shall regularly review these bylaws and amend or revise them if they do not meet the current needs of the chapter. Any amendment or revision must be consistent with the Tri-M Program Guidelines.