

# DHS 2022 – 2023

## Show Choir

### CONGRATULATIONS!

I am very excited to work with you all! You have been selected to be a founding member of Dartmouth High School's brand new Show Choir, **Dynamix**. This contract contains a good deal of information for your planning. Please read through it carefully.

### REHEARSALS

Full rehearsals for Dynamix will be held on Mondays and Wednesday afternoons from 2:15-5:00.

**Rehearsals are extremely important and mandatory.**

**Captains Help** sessions will be available by appointment.

**Students must wear appropriate clothing, footwear, and take notice of personal hygiene at each rehearsal.**

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal at 2:15. **You need to check in with your president at that time or you are marked late for rehearsal.**

Three late marks equals one unexcused absence.

Each member is allowed **TWO *unexcused*** absences from rehearsal.

That absence **can not** be immediately prior to any performance or from a choreography session or special event.

**Choreography sessions are mandatory.**

**Any unexcused absence the week of a show may disqualify you from that performance.**

### **What is an excused absence?**

If you were not present in school that day

An approved event negotiated 2 weeks in advance

A family emergency with notification at your earliest opportunity

If you are in school and suddenly become ill and cannot come to practice you must contact Mr. Bianco via email and you must follow this up the next day/rehearsal with a note from a Parent or Guardian.

If a note is not provided, it will be unexcused.

**If you have any prior commitments, we must know 2 weeks before any rehearsal in writing.**

If you are absent from a performance without 2 weeks prior approval **in writing** from Mr. Bianco then you may be removed from the group or lose your spot to another performer.

Procedures for dealing with unexcused absences:

- (1) 1st and 2nd unexcused absences -- Student will be asked why they were absent and notified that they have used their "allowed " absence.
- (2) 3rd unexcused absence - Parents notified and a conference with staff and the student will occur.
- (3) 4th unexcused absence - Conference between parents, student, and staff will occur. Parents and student may be notified that the student is being suspended from the program if a plan for improved attendance is not reached.
- (4) 5th unexcused absence - Parents and student will be notified of suspension from the program.

### **FINANCES**

As a member of the show choir, you will be required to pay a fee of **\$50** for the season. This fee goes through the school in the same way that other extracurricular activities fees do. You can pay online at the Town Fees link on the school website.

You will also need to pay an assessment fee of **\$100**. This assessment can be lowered by working DSMA fundraisers. It can even be completely eliminated if enough fundraising is done.

If your fees/assessments are not paid by the deadline you could put your position in the show choir in jeopardy.

**If there are special circumstances that I should be aware of, please speak to me privately as soon as possible.** I will work with you in order to figure out something that works for everyone.

If under any circumstances you will no longer be participating in the show choir **no refund will be given.**

## **FUNDRAISING**

We have many expenses that must be paid for, including costumes, makeup, choreography, music arrangements, trips, set pieces, entry fees, and buses. In order to be able to pay for all of these things, the music department and the DSMA work tirelessly to fundraise for the group as a whole. As a member of this group, you are **strongly encouraged** to participate in these fundraisers. The more fundraising you do the better the total experience of the group will be. As we receive more information about all of these fundraisers, you will be notified and asked to sign up.

## **UNIFORM / COSTUME**

All members are provided with the main costume/uniform for the season. This includes the performance outfits (suits, dresses, etc.).

Performers are however **required** to buy a few items that will be used by only them and then kept at the end of the season. This includes, the footwear for this season which will be announced once costumes are finalized, undergarments (solid color, fitted, supportive undergarments/dance shorts), make-up/hair supplies, etc.

**The shoes chosen for the show will be required at all rehearsals once competition season begins to practice dancing in them.** The Presidents will be noting who is and isn't wearing the proper shoes. After 3 violations you lose an unexcused absence. After 5 violations you lose your spot in the next show. Any subsequent violations will require a meeting to determine appropriate consequences.

## **BEHAVIOR**

Your behavior is not only a representation of yourself, but also of Dartmouth High School. You are expected to act in an appropriate manner at all times both in rehearsal and at competitions/events.

I expect you to maintain proper rehearsal discipline at rehearsals. This means no disrespect for yourself or your fellow peers. It also means keeping side conversations to a minimum and listening to instructions from staff and captains.

Remember that talking is a distraction for everyone so keep your voices down when there is down time for side conversations.

We are here to have fun, but we are also here to work. You cannot do your best if you are distracted or are in the process of distracting others.

**If your behavior or attitude becomes a problem, you will be dismissed from the group or punished accordingly.**

## **SUBSTANCE POLICY**

There is absolutely no drug or alcohol use allowed for any show choir member, at any time. Please refer to the DHS Handbook for specific school policies on drugs and alcohol.

“A student who is found in possession of a drug in school, at school-sponsored events or activities, or on Dartmouth Public School’s property, may be expelled in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71 S37H..” -DHS Handbook

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

All **student members** are **required** to join the Show Choir Students Remind App for information dissemination. This app allows for show choir specific communication between members and staff.

If the students would like a more social platform for a show choir page the captains will set up a Facebook group that can be for those purposes.

**For parents** to receive information there will be a facebook page set up as well as a Remind group that will be for parents of current show choir students and staff only. Both are optional for parents.

**Students** will be held to a high standard of professionalism on and off of the internet. Comments made both publicly and privately that are damaging to the show choir program or its members will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis with consequences including but not limited to a written warning, loss of spot for a show, or expulsion from the group.

### **General Proposed Schedule (Subject to change):**

Wednesday, September 28th - First Rehearsal

Monday, October 3rd - Informational meeting after rehearsal

Wednesday, October 12th - Paperwork due/deadline to withdraw

Friday/Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - Bay States Festival

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Shepherd Hill Central Massachusetts Show Choir Festival

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Daniel Hand Connecticut Classic Show Choir Festival

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - Spring Pops Night

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - Andover New England Show Choir Showdown

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Choir Exchange with West Genesee High School

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - Bishop Hendriken 'Lil Rhody Rumble Show Choir Festival

**There will also be mandatory choreography sessions scheduled with our professional choreographers based on their availability. These choreo sessions will be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance to give students time to request times off of work/rearrange their schedules to be at the session. These sessions will be longer and more intensive than normal rehearsals and are crucial to the success of the group.**

***The Director or Advisor reserves the right to drop a student from the program because of poor cooperation or negative attitude. This will not take place without a parent/guardian consultation and notification to his/her guidance counselor. This situation rarely occurs and would require a meeting with a parent/guardian, the Director or Advisor, and may include a building administrator.***

***Each student is an individual and each situation will be judged on the individual circumstances.***

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

I have completely read through the 2022-2023 Dartmouth High School Show Choir Expectations and understand what is expected as a member of the show choir. I agree to adhere to all of these rules and expectations and understand that not adhering to these rules may result in probation or expulsion from the group. I also understand that if I choose to withdraw from the group after the deadline I may still be responsible to pay the town fee and show choir assessment.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Massachusetts Hazing Law**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**GENERAL LAWS 269:17, 18, 19**

**Section 17: Hazing; organizing or participating;  
hazing defined**

Section 17. Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which wilfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

**Section 18: Failure to report hazing**

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

**Section 19: copy of Secs , 17 to 19; issuance to students and student groups, teams and organizations;**

Section 19. Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the board of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.



## SHOW CHOIR

2022-2023

Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dartmouth High School Music Department

### AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

I give my permission for the evaluation/treatment of \_\_\_\_\_ by any duly licensed

#### Student Name - PLEASE PRINT

physician and/or hospital facility in the event of illness or injury. I also authorize transportation in an ambulance if necessary.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please answer the following medical history questions:

Please check if your child has any of the following:

Concussions: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (If **yes**, please fill out the attached form.)

Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Asthma \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Diabetic students must have glucose tablets and a glucometer present at all practices and competitions.
- Asthmatic students must have their inhaler present at all practices and competitions.
- Students with life-threatening allergies must carry an EpiPen to all practices and competitions.
- All students must report any medical changes to the Music Department and the nurse.

Please list **ALL** medications, including inhalers and directions for use:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please list **ALL** allergies, including medications, food, and

insects: \_\_\_\_\_ Please list any other pertinent medical

information: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last Tetanus booster: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please provide all insurance information below:

Policy Name

Policy Number

Subscriber Name

Primary Care Physician (if applicable)

**Authorization:** This health history is correct insofar as I know, and the person herein described has my permission to engage in all the activities, except as noted by me in the space provided above. In the event that I, or the individuals listed above for emergency notification cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to share any medical information regarding my student's injury, illness, past medical history to the physician selected by Mr. Flint (Band); Mr. Sousa (Elementary and DMS Bands); Mr. Kaeterle (Color Guard/Winter Guard); Mr. Aungst (Indoor Percussion); Mr. Rayner (Indoor Winds); and Mr. Bianco (Show Choir) and authorized personnel involved in my student's care to secure proper treatment.

#### PHYSICAL FORM

Students must turn in proof of a **physical examination** which should be completed by the family's physician. Copies of physicals can be faxed to 508-961-1620, dropped off or mailed to the nurse at DHS. Physical examinations are good for 13 months to the day. **Once the physical has exceeded 13 months, the student will not be allowed to participate until a new physical is produced.**

## **ATTENTION PARENT/GUARDIAN**

My student has my permission to participate in the Marching Band/Color Guard/Indoor/Choir for 2022/2023 at Dartmouth High School. They have my permission to be transported to competitions by Dartmouth School Department official transportation. We acknowledge having read the handbook and we understand the requirements as listed in order to be a member of the group.

- I am aware of the school insurance plan which costs **\$8.00** for the school year and that it covers my child in all Dartmouth High School functions and that it is a non-duplicating insurance.
- **Please check one.** I **(plan to)** \_\_\_\_\_ or **(do not plan to)** \_\_\_\_\_ enroll in school insurance under the Gerard Lefebvre Insurance Agency.

## **HAZING FORMS**

Dartmouth High School forbids hazing of any kind. This also pertains to Marching Band, Color Guard, Indoor Teams, Choral and Orchestra. We abide by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 269, Sections 17-19, an Act Prohibiting the Practice of Hazing, and that the Dartmouth High School Music Department understands and agrees to comply with the law. Dartmouth High School authorities will act accordingly in all hazing matters. I certify that we have received a copy of the M.G.L. located in this packet.

## **USER FEES**

All members of co-curricular groups for Dartmouth High School will be assessed a **\$50.00 participation fee for Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, Fall & Winter Color Guard, Indoor Winds and Show Choir;** not to exceed \$125.00 per student for the school year, and not to exceed \$250.00 per family per school year. **All fees must be paid at the start of the season.**

Fees can be paid online on the Dartmouth Public Schools website **<https://www.dartmouth.school/domain/1533>**, click on the Fee tab. We also accept checks or money orders made payable to: Town of Dartmouth/Music which can be dropped off or mailed to Dartmouth High School, Music Department, 555 Bakerville Road, Dartmouth, MA 02748.

If a student does not make an activity or leaves the activity voluntarily prior to the withdrawal date, the fee will be refunded. Any student who **must leave** the activity after the withdrawal date, his/her situation will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Any student who voluntarily leaves the activity after the withdrawal date or is removed from the activity for disciplinary or eligibility reasons will not be granted a refund.

Fees collected in this manner are designed to help offset program expenses. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are entitled to a scholarship and the fee will be waived. Any family that may be facing financial difficulties may have the fee waived by contacting the music office and speaking with the Music Director. NO student will be deprived of participating in music at Dartmouth High School due to a financial hardship.

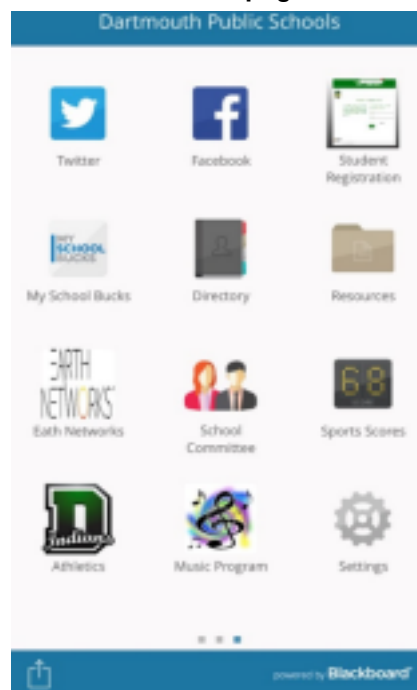
**A parent/guardian signature is required. By signing this form you agree that all health information is correct and you authorize for emergency treatment. You also give your authorization for transportation by Dartmouth School Department official transportation and that you have received a copy of the hazing form.**

_____ Student Signature	_____ Instrument/Guard/Choir	_____ Grade
_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Telephone #	_____ Date
_____ Address	_____ Email Address (Please print clearly)	_____ Music Teacher

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Check out our Music page on the App!



Don't have the App; visit our DPS website.  
<https://www.dartmouth.school/domain/1533>

(information for the entire district)  
**CLICK ON THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD & COMPLETE THESE FORMS ONLINE. EMAIL OR  
SEND THEM TO [cathybanville@dartmouthschools.org](mailto:cathybanville@dartmouthschools.org)**



**\*\*MEDICAL TREATMENT & EMERGENCY FORM**

All music students who compete need to have this form on file in the music office in order to travel. Click on this link <https://www.dartmouth.school/Page/2191> to complete the form online.

**\*\*CONCUSSION FORM**

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/index.html>

Click on this link <https://www.dartmouth.school/Page/2191> to complete the Concussion form online. You do not need to send the certificate. You do, however, need to complete the form.

**\*\*CORI**

All parent/guardian volunteers will need to have a CORI on file. All CORI forms must be complete and dropped off in person with a valid driver's license for verification purposes. For your convenience you may drop off your form at any of our schools or you may bring it to 8 Bush Street. Click on this link <https://www.dartmouth.school/Page/2191> to complete the CORI form.



**\*\*FEES (DUE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON)**

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**Massachusetts HAZING LAW – General Laws 269:17, 18, 19**

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter269>



**DSMA – DARTMOUTH SCHOOLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

The DSMA is a group of hardworking volunteers that have many roles for current and new families to get involved. Please click on this private link <https://dsmahome.org/2022familyinfo> for more information and to complete your membership form, BAND app info., and fundraising opportunities.