Performing Arts Student Contract

Purpose

This contract is designed to explain and inform students, parents, and teachers of certain expectations relative to participation in the performing arts at Calhoun Middle School. Please always refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for all rules, regulations, and policies.

Conduct

All CMS performing arts students are expected to adhere to all rules and responsibilities as outlined by the school and musical director. Students are expected to understand that incidents of misconduct in or out of school may affect their participation in band or choir. Areas of concerns, such as, but not limited to:

1) Tobacco use in any form,
2) Alcohol use in any form,
3) Use of drugs, depressants, stimulants, performance enhancing drugs, or any controlled substance,
4) Verbal harassment of teachers or students,
5) Sexual harassment of teachers or students,
6) Theft and vandalism,
7) Public displays of affection at school or in uniform,
8) Bullying/harassing other students or talking ill-willed about the school, teachers, staff, or students on social media.
9) Leadership and preparation in the classroom.

Participation in performance electives is a privilege. A performing arts student may lose the privilege of participation in band or choir for demonstrating behavior that is detrimental to the program. The decision to suspend privileges or remove a student from the performance elective will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Students in the performing arts will be held to the highest standards for all students in the classroom. If a performer is removed from the classroom for disruptive behavior, they will be reported to their respective director. The director will impose additional consequences as deemed fit to correct the disruptive behavior. As previously stated, membership in band and choir is a privilege. Should students begin to demonstrate a pattern of disruptive behaviors, membership in these groups will be forfeited and the students will receive a schedule change into a non-performance elective.

Extreme behavior that results in a suspension will be reviewed by the music director and school administration to determine if the student should be removed from their respective performance elective. Extreme behaviors include, but are not limited to:

1) Provoking a fight
2) Drugs
3) Weapons
4) Disrespect towards staff

Grades

Students must maintain passing averages in 6 out of 7 classes to be eligible to participate in musical performances at CMS. Additionally, each student must have a passing average in both Reading and Math in order to maintain eligibility. Grades will be checked at the end of each grading period and if the athlete has failing averages in 2 or more subjects or in either Reading or Math, they will not be allowed to perform until they have a report card that meets the academic standards for CMS performing arts students.

Please sign the following and acknowledge that you have read this Performing Arts Student Contract and agree to make a firm commitment to your fellow performers, your director, your school, your community, and most importantly yourself.

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Performing Arts Student Date

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Parent/Guardian Date

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Musical Director Date