

Tri-M Music Honor Society Constitution

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Forsyth Central High School - Chapter 2708

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Forsyth Central Music Department, in order to foster a greater continued interest and a desire for individual and ensemble excellence in music performance; to encourage appreciation and awareness in listening to music; to promote wider opportunities for sharing joy through music both within our school and within our community; to advance the spirit of good music and musical knowledge; and to enhance the reputation of our school as a center for musical enrichment; enact and accept this constitution for the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

It will be the purpose of this chapter to:

- provide an appropriate method of recognizing outstanding individual and ensemble musical achievements of students who also maintain high academic standards.
- encourage its members reach their full musical potential.
- motivate and recognize its members' musical and personal achievements beyond the incentives of credits and grades and regular “class” activities.
- encourage and inspire its members to work individual and together toward the musical goals.
- focus public attention on the music program at Forsyth Central High School.

MEMBERSHIP

Candidates for new and continuing membership will be chosen from students who meet the following requirements:

- They must be enrolled and actively participating in an instrumental ensemble performance class, including all applicable performances - curricular and extracurricular. (example: Symphonic Band Class AND Marching Band)
- They must present evidence of their commitment to musical accomplishments through practice and performance as an individual and as an integral member of all applicable performance ensembles - curricular and extracurricular.
- They must be of excellent character and should have a good attitude towards teachers and fellow students. They must be cooperative and helpful in their classes while at Forsyth Central High School.

- They must meet **at least two** of the following **Performance Related Objectives** during each school year:
 1. Audition for the District Honor Band with a MINIMUM SCORE OF 50 from the judge's panel. (your director will have this info)
 2. Audition at the All-State Band Final Audition (Requires passing the preliminary audition - which is the District Honor Band audition.)
 3. Receive Superior Ratings as designated by the Georgia Music Educators Association for performance in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, OR Marching Band. (Any or all of these counts as only ONE Objective)
 4. Participate on a competitive level as a member of the Indoor Drumline.
 5. Attending a 2006 summer band workshop/clinic sponsored by a college or university. (FCHS Band Camp does NOT count)
 6. Seasonal participation in an interscholastic instrumental performance group; such as: Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony, a DCI Corps, etc. Check with the Tri-M Advisor if you have questions about this one.
 7. Take regular (at least once a week) private instrumental lessons from an approved teacher AND perform an approved SOLO in a public setting. (such as: recitals, concerts, PASIC, church, etc.) Check with the Tri-M Advisor if you have questions about this one.

- NEW members must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.37 (OR a 3.5 GPA on the previous Semester) to be accepted into membership. Continuing members must maintain a GPA of at least 3.2.

- They must abide by the rules and regulations as described in this constitution.

GRADUATING SENIOR MEMBERS

Graduating seniors of this chapter will receive alumni membership in the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Upon the receipt of the students' graduation year membership fee, these members will receive an alumni membership card. Graduating Seniors will be awarded with the Tri-M Music Honor Society Cord to wear at graduation. Their diplomas will also bear the Music Educators National Conference official Tri-M Seal.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Any member of this chapter, who does not meet the requirements of membership, will be suspended. Should a suspended member fail to qualify for reinstatement within the time allotted by the chapter sponsor, he/she must surrender the membership pin to the sponsor. All membership fees paid to the National Office will be forfeited.