Melodic Fusion Constitution

I. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Grades
1. All Fusion members must maintain a 2.0 grade point average.
2. If a Fusion member receives an F in any subject, he/she will be put on probation.
3. During the probation period he/she will not be allowed to travel during school.
4. Probation will be lifted when the student is receiving a passing grade.

B. Physical Fitness
1. Fusion students are expected to represent Riverside High School at all times and should maintain an appropriate and acceptable appearance as stated in the Kanawha County Schools acceptable dress code.
2. Melodic Fusion is an organization that requires physical activity; therefore, each member must complete the MEDICAL RELEASE FORM, and have seen a doctor in the last year.
3. If a Fusion member is unable to take Physical Education class at school for any reason, he/she will not be able to perform or practice on that day.

C. Leadership
1. Being a Fusion member at Riverside is a position of responsibility and representation of the school and student body and should not be taken lightly. Fusion members are expected to not only be leaders on the stage, but in the classroom as well.
2. Each member is expected to cooperate with the director, choreographer, officers, section leaders, parent volunteers, and each other. Arguing with the director, choreographer, or parent volunteers will not be tolerated. Above actions will result in not performing and or dismissal. The director will make final decision about not performing and dismissal.
3. Members are expected to help in any and all community projects taken on by the group – including fundraisers and enrichment activities.
4. If there are ANY problems or concerns, they are to be brought to the attention of the Director. As a group that depends on TEAMWORK - we must make every effort to make our team a success.

II. RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Practices
1. Fusion members will attend ALL SCHEDULED PRACTICES. Attendance during choreography weekend(s) is MANDATORY. Mr. Hardy will keep attendance. If a member leaves school early, on the day of an after school rehearsal, the director must be notified.
2. Absences must be reported to the director as soon as possible.
3. In case of an emergency, absences must be reported to the director within 24 hours.
4. Three (3) repeated incidences of failure to notify the director of an absence will result in dismissal from the group.
   The director reserves the right to make the final decision as to who may or may not perform according to the number of absences by any one member. Excessive absences will result in dismissal.
5. Practice schedules are included within this constitution. We will have regular after school rehearsals, Thursday 4:00 – 7:00, beginning the first week of school. The director may call extra practices at any time. (Absence rules 2 and 3 apply) Because practice schedules will be given out in advance, little conflict in scheduling is expected.
6. All members are expected to be at practice 5-10 minutes before starting time and ready to begin practice promptly with appropriate attire (practice shirt and shoes) at the scheduled time. When students fail to wear proper attire, their participation grade will be cut in half.
7. Students are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements to and from practice as scheduled.

B. Performances
1. It is mandatory every member will attend and perform at specified events as required by the director including All County, Spring Musical, and competitions. Schedules and important dates will be given out as soon as possible to prevent any conflicts.
2. If, for any reason, a member cannot attend a scheduled event, the director must be notified immediately to make any necessary alterations in the performance. Failure to notify the director will result in probation and/or dismissal except in the case of an emergency.
3. All members must be in school on the day of a scheduled event.
4. Any inappropriate behavior (smoking, drinking, drugs, profanity, unacceptable sexual behavior, destruction of property, etc.) will result in immediate action dismissal from the group as per county policy.

C. Dismissal from Group
1. If a student is dismissed or quits the class/group, they will need to remain in the class until the end of the semester. At the end of the semester the student will be placed in another class. The student will not be permitted to perform or come to any practices after the dismissal or termination. The student will be given assignments to replace the grades they will miss due to non-participation in upcoming show choir events.
2. If a student is dismissed or quits the group the student will receive a grade of an F until all expenses are paid. They will also not receive their diploma and official transcript will be held until all expenses are paid.

D. Uniforms and Props
1. No smoking, drinking, use of drugs, use of profanity, cruelty to others, or destruction of property will be tolerated at any time (in or out of uniform).
2. Each member is responsible for his/her uniform and/or props. All uniform items will be kept at the school.
3. All members will need to raise or pay a $400 uniform fee.
4. Non-show choir members will not be permitted to use uniforms or props for any reason at any time.
5. All uniforms are tailor made to fit each student; therefore measurements will need to be taken. If you or your child are uncomfortable with measurement being taken by the Riverside staff and boosters, you are welcome to measure your child in front of the people taken measurements. The parent is then responsible if measurements are not correct.
6. Show Choir members will wear uniforms only during scheduled events - NO other time.
7. Each member is expected to purchase the following:
   Girls – Specified dance shoes, hose, and earrings, (ordered by the director) casual T-shirt, practice shirt, red Christmas sweatshirt, and white sweat pants. (Christmas program) – No exceptions
   Boys – Specified dress shoes, (ordered by director), black socks, casual T-shirt, practice shirt, green Christmas sweatshirt, and white sweat pants. (Christmas program) – No exceptions

We have read and discussed the Melodic Fusion Constitution, and agree to follow the specified requirements and commitments. We understand that failure to comply with these specifications will result in probation or dismissal from the group.

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Student's signature & Date

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Parent's signature & Date

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Director's signature & Date
The first two pages are yours to keep.
Please return only this portion to Mr. Hardy.

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