

Plano Senior High School
Department of Choral Music
Handbook of Information and Procedures
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INTRODUCTION

Dear Choir Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Plano Senior High School Department of Choral Music. We are excited to have such a wonderful, talented group of young singers. You have chosen to be apart of an organization that can offer you many opportunities for growth and provide experiences in music that you will remember for a lifetime.

This handbook is designed to introduce you to the many facets of the Plano Senior High School Choral Department and to answer as many questions as possible. In an active program like this one, your cooperation helps insure a successful experience for all. We acknowledge that parent and community involvement and support for our program is our greatest asset.

There are several forms enclosed that you and your student will need to read. Please sign and return the last page in this book. You will also find the P.S.H.S. Booster Club Membership Form within this handbook. In order to offer the many activities within the department, we require parental support and encouragement, both physically and financially. I hope that you will take a moment to look over this information carefully. Please sign and return the required forms found within this handbook. Here is to a successful and happy year to all who love music.

Sincerely,

Derrick D. Brookins
Director of Choral Activities
Plano Senior High School

Douglas S. Council
Associate Director
Plano Senior High School

“The life of the Arts far from being an interruption, a distraction in the life of a nation, is close to the center of a nation’s purpose- and is the test of the quality of a nation’s civilization”.

-John F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America

Plano Senior High School Central Cluster Choir Directors

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Jeff Moss, Assistant Director of Choir

Jasper High School

Judy Putney, Director of Choirs

Danna Francis, Assistant Director of Choirs

Carpenter Middle School

Jennifer Roming, Director of Choirs

Hendrick Middle School

Terri Hamilton, Director of Choirs

Plano Senior High School Choral Mission Statement:

The Plano Senior High School Choir is devoted to the cultivation of the art of choral music in the lives of its students and in the broader community; to teach techniques of musical expression; providing a sequential developmental music curriculum which allows each student an opportunity to build musical skills and understanding through a wide variety of quality musical experiences. Through choral music, we affirm the mission of Plano Senior High School, to graduate individuals prepared to function with integrity in a rapidly changing world.

Choir Membership

Students selected for membership in the PSHS Choirs, should adhere to the following:

UNITY, ACHIEVEMENT, LOYALTY
AND THE COMBINED PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

We are dedicated to developing musical knowledge and experience using a wide variety of styles of music. Members are to give 100 % of their cooperation, concern and, support to the directors and to each other. Together we strive to meet these expectations for continued success.

Participation yields:

1. Development of ability to sight-read
2. Development of strong, mature vocal quality
3. Development of tonal memory
4. Development of self-confidence and pride on stage
5. Mastery of diverse choral literature
6. Development of aesthetic appreciation

“A performing group is a microcosm of society. In addition to well-documented skills related to music reading, self-expression, self-discipline and concentration, performers become interdependent. There is no more important skill required in a democratic society than that of sharing common goals with others and working together to achieve them.”

- Sally Schott, President of Southwest ACDA

CHORAL ENSEMBLES

2011-2012

All ensemble placements are the direct result of each members audition.

Music Corporation

This is a mixed vocal jazz /pop ensemble. Membership is limited and by audition only. Extra rehearsals are required from membership. A costume fee is required as part of membership to this ensemble. Membership includes grades 11th and 12th.

Concert Men's Choir

Membership includes 11th and 12th grade men and is based upon choral audition and directors' educational suggestion. This is an award-winning non-varsity choir for men voices only. Sight-reading skills are developed and applied to choral literature for male voices. Members of this choir may compete in the annual UIL Choral Competition as well as musical festivals throughout the country. Eligibility is an important factor as members of this ensemble. You may obtain Honors Choir Credit for this course.

Concert Treble

Membership includes 11th and 12th grade women and is based upon choral audition and directors' educational suggestion. This is an award-winning non-varsity choir for women voices only. Sight-reading skills are developed and applied to choral literature for women's voices. Members of this choir compete in the annual UIL Choral Competition as well as musical festivals throughout the country. Eligibility is an important factor as members of this ensemble. You may obtain Honors Choir Credit for this course.

A Cappella Mixed Choir

Membership includes 11th and 12th grade men and women and is based upon choral audition and directors' educational suggestion. Sight-reading skills are further developed and applied to that of advanced choral literature. Members of this choir compete in the annual UIL Choral Competition, state and national conventions and choral festivals throughout the country. Eligibility is an important factor as a member of this advanced choral ensemble. You may obtain Honors Choir Credit for this course.

Varsity Men's Choir

These men are the varsity singers of the A Cappella Mixed Choir. The varsity men rehearse two to three times a week. The award winning Men of Plano, perform and compete as an independent choir throughout the school year.

Varsity Women's Choir

These women are the varsity singers of the A cappella mixed choir. The varsity women rehearse two to three times a week. This award-winning choir performs and competes as an independent choir throughout the school year.

Chamber Singers

This premier group of auditioned singers forms the select mixed chorus at PSHS. This choir is designed for the more serious choir member who exhibits advanced sight-reading and vocal skills. A costume fee may occur as part of your membership to this organization.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. Choir members are expected to behave as mature ladies and gentlemen at all times, and to treat each other WITH MUTUAL RESPECT. Students gathered for choral functions at any time are bound by the rules of the Plano Senior High School Handbook as well as those within this handbook.
2. The Choir Student Council is charged with the responsibility of aiding the director in maintaining our standards of behavior and should be respected by the membership for their efforts.
3. The quality of performance is determined by the quality of rehearsal. Daily and additional rehearsals are very important in achieving continuous quality performance. Members must focus with mind, body and spirit while maintaining maximum self-control regardless of the style of music or type of program/concert.

CHOIR OFFICERS

Choir officers are elected by their fellow classmates and should be based on their leadership, service and participation in the choir program. These students are expected to exhibit outstanding behavior, excellent leadership and a positive attitude at all times.

In choosing your officers, remember that popularity is not the most important criteria! Your student leaders should above all exhibit a desire to serve the needs of our choir.

Please understand that being an office is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, the director reserves the right to remove anyone from office at any point who does not exemplify the above or exhibits inappropriate behavior or conduct not befitting an office.

DAILY EXPECTATIONS

**CLASS PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION ON EXPECTATIONS WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHOIR.**

1. Get your choral folder as you enter the room. Be seated. Make sure you have a pencil and prepare to arrange your music for the order of rehearsal. Check boards for dates, due dates, and announcements.
2. Place all book bags out of the way in assigned areas. Under no circumstances should you go to someone else's folder unless asked to do so by the director. **DO NOT TAKE ANY PERSONAL BELONGINGS (BOOKBAGS, PHONES, PURSES, MAKE-UP, ETC.) TO YOUR CHAIR.**
3. If for some reason, you cannot participate in rehearsal, clear it with your director **BEFORE CLASS BEGINS.**
4. Misbehavior, talking without being recognized or any other disruptions will not be tolerated at any time.
5. Warm-up begins promptly after the tardy bell rings. Students will be counted tardy if not seated and attentive **WHEN THE DIRECTOR BEGINS THE REHEARSAL.** Listen for announcements, due dates, committee meetings, etc.
6. **NO CHEWING GUM, CANDY, FOOD, DRINKS OR HATS ARE ALLOWED IN THE REHEARSAL HALL.**
7. Members should remain in their assigned seat during rehearsals unless otherwise instructed by the director.

GRADING SYSTEM

Daily Class Participation = 25 %

Daily class rehearsals, daily classroom materials, sight reading/ singing quizzes,
scheduled sectional rehearsals.

Test Grades = 75%

All performances, dress rehearsals.

ATTENDANCE

All choir students are expected to attend all scheduled performances and rehearsals of their particular choir, as well as full choir events, sectionals and rehearsals.

In the event of a schedule conflict, the student is expected to make arrangements and communicate with the directors in writing.

ABSENCES FROM PERFORMANCE

The only justifiable excused absences from performance as mandated by the Plano ISD are: illness, death in the immediate family, religious belief conflict, immediate family funeral, subpoena, court or “pre-arranges” by principal. The student should notify the director well in advance of the absence if possible. In order to be excused and to avoid a grade reduction, the student **MUST BRING A WRITTEN EXCUSE OF THE ABSENCE THE FIRST DAY RETURNING TO CLASS AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.** Absences from performance due to any other reasons are considered unexcused and will result in reduction of grade. As the performances are scheduled in advanced, it is the responsibility of the **STUDENT AND PARENT** to plan ahead to avoid conflicts with work schedules and appointments. An absence is a detriment to the rest of your performing group, as well as the elimination of the student’s opportunity to learn performance skills, which are an essential element of choir.

School activity conflicts should be worked out with the teacher/coach involved. Every effort by the student to reach a reasonable compromise is expected. Students have a responsibility to all organizations they are involved in- not just one. Therefore, communication is **VITAL.** Conflicts in schedules can usually be resolved if given adequate time.

It is not possible to produce a quality performance without ample preparation. **TO MEET EXPECTED STANDARDS, THERE WILL BE TIMES THAT REHEARSALS OUTSIDE OF CLASS ARE NECESSARY. IN ORDER FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP TO BENEFIT, ALL MUST BE PUNCTUAL IN ATTENDANCE.** Advance notice will be given and attendance is necessary. An unexcused absence from dress rehearsal will result in grade reduction and may result in **THE STUDENT’S SUSPENSION FROM THE ENSUING PERFORMANCE.**

RECOVERY

In the event a student obtains an unexcused absence for a performance or dress rehearsal, the director will assign a written assignment reflective of the prepared choral music to the student. It is the students’ responsibility to obtain this assignment from the director and turn it in within three school days, or a grade of zero will be entered in the grade book for the performance/rehearsal missed.

PRIVATE VOCAL STUDY

Supplemental music lessons are offered as enrichment to the classroom instruction. These lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the voice, rather than to rehearse the music a student will be performing in choir. Participation in these supplemental lessons is optional, but highly encouraged. Students who elect to not participate will not be penalized grade-wise or otherwise in their class activities.

Lessons last thirty minutes and may be scheduled during the choir class, lunch, or before or after school. **NO LESSONS WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING A NON-MUSIC CLASS.**

It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her voice teacher at least 24 hours in advance if the lesson is to be canceled, unless serious emergency arises.

Students will pay the private instructor directly. Cost of lesson is **\$17.00 per 25min.** lessons, which is given to the private teacher weekly or monthly, depending on the arrangements between the private teacher and the student. Questions concerning assignments should be directed to Mr. Brookins. Questions concerning lesson dates and times, billing, or number of lessons taught will be handled through your voice instructor.

HONORS CHOIR PROGRAM

Each choir student may apply to enroll in choir for honor credit. In order to receive honors credit for choir, the student must complete additional assignments for each semester enrolled. These assignments help prepare students for a rigorous music program at the university level. All students who plan to pursue a degree in music are encouraged to enroll in honors choir. See a director for the packet of information containing requirements and an application for honors choir if you are interested.

Please be advised that each student enrolled in the Honor Choir Program will need to purchase his/her own text book: Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory. Juniors and First-year Honors Choir Seniors will need to purchase BOOKS I and II. Second-year Honors Choir Seniors will need to purchase BOOK III and JAZZ THEORY I. These books may be ordered through www.jwpepper.com. You will be responsible for ordering the material, completing assignments and turning them in on time.

CHOIR BOOSTER/ FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

The sole purpose of the choir booster club is to aid the directors in enriching the programs' participation in extracurricular activities. The funds go to the students to aid with instruction, supplies, refreshments and equipment. Without this contribution from each family, the choir would be unable to provide the necessary clinicians, instruction, equipment and refreshments for a program of excellence.

The continued financial support of family contributions has been monumental for the success of the Plano Senior High School Choir through its many years of excellence. Students and families have the opportunity to raise funds for their trip and booster contribution through various fundraising activities.

Each Member of the PSHS Choir will be required to contribute \$150.00 at the start of the school year. This contribution will cover the following items:

1. 2011-2012 PSHS Choir Shirt

***2. Family Membership to Booster Club..(Optional- please add)....\$35.00**

3. 1- ticket to the end of the year Choir Banquet

4. Choir Uniform –end of year dry cleaning

5. Madrigal Dinner Costume – dry cleaning

6. 3-ring black choir folder

*** All men will need to purchase a mandarin tuxedo shirt, ordered by the choir. The cost of this shirt is \$20.00**

Please make checks out to: PSHS Choir Booster.

FUNDRAISING

Each year students and families of the Plano Senior High Choir have the opportunity to raise funds for their student trip cost and family financial contributions through a variety of fundraising activities. Fundraising dates, materials and procedures will be presented to students during rehearsal time and to parents at choir booster meetings. Each choir student is expected to carry his/her share of the load regarding fundraising projects to benefit the entire choral program.

Please be aware per PISD policy, no fundraised monies can be refunded or transferred to another students account. Unused funds will become part of the Choir Booster operating budget.

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

UNIFORMS

ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN UNIFORMS

Women:

A black crepe dress will be provided by PISD. The student is responsible for:

Black Shoes- close toe, 1"- 2" heel. No clogs, sandals, thongs, boots, platforms will be accepted.

Stockings or Nylons- black tone.

At all times hair should be flattering to individual face shape and should compliment the choir uniform. Please, NO BOWS! All hair clips and accessories should be discreet and blend with the hair color. Do to the bright lights during a stage performance, all women are asked to apply appropriate make-up suitable for that of a concert performance.

Do not make any permanent alterations to the uniform. Hem tape is recommended for alterations.

Men:

A tuxedo, tie and formal vest will be provided by Plano Senior. The student is responsible for:

A formal tuxedo shirt, black dress shoes, black dress socks. No athletic shoes will be accepted for a formal concert.

Jewelry

Men- Jewelry should be worn under the uniform. No visible jewelry, except for senior rings.

Women- Jewelry should be worn under the uniform. All earrings should be small loops or studs.

CHOIR TRIP

In addition to local performances, the Plano Senior High School Choir will make several away from school appearances each year. There is one overnight trip taken every year, alternating between an in-state and out-of-state trip. All members of the choir are expected to travel with the group. The choir trip is optional and is in no way a requirement for the course. No penalty will be given to students who do not attend the spring tour. Requirement for these performances/tour are:

- Student must meet all local and state eligibility requirements to participate in travel or competitions.

- Students must be able to perform satisfactorily the materials assigned for performance.

- Students must have attended rehearsals necessary for the preparation for the performances and performed at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest.

- Students must fulfill their financial obligation to the organization.

Each student will have the opportunity to fulfill their trip financial obligation by the following:

1. Pay in full- via check, cash or money order.

2. Pay though installments- via check, cash or money order.
(A payment schedule will be provided)

3. Payment though installment –via fundraising projects

Please be aware per PISD policy, no fundraised monies can be refunded or transferred to another students account, or transferred to the next school year. Unused funds will become part of the choir general operating budget.

Please read the TRIP CONTRACT included in this handbook for further details.

“Teamwork is a challenge. It means coordinating our efforts with those of others, not solely for personal glory, but for team achievement.”

-Eph Elhy

Why Do They Sing

Humanist psychologist Abraham Maslow has formulated a theory of the needs hierarchy of humans. Most astounding is that 7 of the 8 basic needs of humans are covered by singing in a chorus!

1. **Biological (food, drink, rest, oxygen, etc.)**
2. **Safety (create a place of safety and trust)**
3. **Attachment (with you, with each other, and listeners)**
4. **Esteem (pride in accomplishment)**
5. **Cognitive (making music improves I.Q.)**
6. **Aesthetic (art lifts everyone to a higher level)**
7. **Self-actualization (getting in touch with inner self)**
8. **Spiritual (sharing and giving of self)**

This is a huge responsibility for you. There are few other experiences singers can have that so thoroughly meet their many faceted life needs. And if you have an occasional potluck, you can take care of number 1 and hit all 8!

There is no activity people can engage in that meets as many basic human needs as being in a choir.

PSHS CHOIR OFFICER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT:

- 1. Presides over officer meetings.
- 2. Initiates and guides officer activities.
- 3. Supervises and delegates activities of other officers.
- 4. Serves as liaison between choir and other school organizations and activities.
- 5. Represents his/her choir in all school functions.
- 6. Serves as the “right hand” to the director.
- 7. Is in charge of all social gatherings for the choir.

Anyone running for the office of **CHOIR PRESIDENT** should expect to be responsible for the entire department directly under the directors in terms of leadership and responsibility. This person should intend to call the choir room “home” and strive not be involved in activities that would interfere with choir. They should be prepared to set up for all choir functions including concerts, trips, etc. and be the last to leave with the director.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

- 1. Assist the President in all activities and preside over his/her responsibilities in case of their absence.
- 2. Maintain an accurate record of uniforms issued to students.
- 3. Server as the resource person for uniform questions or problems.

SECRETARY:

- 1. Assists the directors with clerical duties in both the classroom as well as before and after school, if needed.
- 2. Assists the directors with roll checking during class and other choir functions.
- 3. Organize and maintain a working choir folder system.
- 4. Organize and maintain all choir book keeping items.

LIBRAIAN:

- 1. Assist the directors with all library functions.
- 2. Keep the single copy file up to date.
- 3. Check in and file all new music.
- 4. Keep records of all music that is checked out and or returned.
- 5. Librarians are responsible for the condition of the library at all times.

HISTORIANS:

- 1. Responsible for taking pictures at all choir activities throughout the year including concerts, parties, fundraising activities, meetings and trips.
- 2. Prepare a musical slide presentation for the choir banquet in which all choirs are equally represented.

ENSEMBLE RESENTATIVES:

- 1. Represent the needs and concerns of your respective ensemble.
- 2. Assist the President when needed.

SECTION LEADER:**CHOSEN BY THE DIRECTORS**

- 1. Maintains a current telephone and address list of all people in his/her section both at home and cell.
- 2. Acts as the telephone coordinator in case of a need to reach a section of the choir at home.
- 3. Responsible for keeping up with and reporting to the director and choir secretary all absences in class as well as absences from extra rehearsals, concerts, etc.
- 4. Organizes and maintains a positive rehearsal in the directors' absences.

Please understand that being an officer is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, the director reserves the right to remove anyone from office at any point who does not exemplify the above or exhibits inappropriate behavior or conduct not befitting an office.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE PAGES

1. The required signature page within this handbook; indicating that both the student and the parent have read, understand and agree to abide by the contents found within the choral handbook.

2. PISD's Alternative Transportation- This allows your son / daughter to participate in and travel to and / or from the activities via an alternative mode of transportation (none school related) designated by you, the legal guardian.

3. PISD's Group participation in School-Sponsored Trips- This allows your son / daughter to travel to and from the events attended by the group listed above during this school year and to participate in these events.

4. PISD's Publication, Video, Internet Consent and Release Agreement- This agrees that the student's name, voice, verbal statements, portrait or picture shall only be used for public relations, public information, school or district promotion, publicity, and instruction.

5. Choir Booster Club Membership Form- This is optional and in no way to be considered mandatory.

6. Private Vocal Study Form- This is optional and in no way to be considered mandatory for this course.

CONCLUSION

Your decision to participate in the Plano Senior High School Choir represents the opening of a door to tremendous opportunity. We are incredibly fortunate to be in a school district that has a tradition of excellent choirs and a school administration that values and supports this type of study. Please recognize the value of this opportunity and make the most of it.

This handbook is a guideline to make your experience in choir as productive and enjoyable as possible. The rules it contains have been developed over many years of experience and refinement. All of the rules are meant to serve one purpose: to promote the learning and development of the choir members. If you have any questions about the policies in this handbook, please do not hesitate to discuss it with your director.

2011-2012 PSHS CHOIR CALENDAR

YEAR- AT- A- GLANCE

Please be advised that dates and events may change throughout the calendar year.
Every effort will be made to keep you aware of any changes far in advance.

August –

- 11-Senior Schedule Pick Up
- 12-Junior Schedule Pick Up
- 17- Cat Camp- First Pep-Rally
- 22- **First Day of School**
- 25- **Mandatory Choir Parent Meeting @ 7:00pm**
- 29 –Express Fundraiser Begins

September –

- 5- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- 12- College Night at PSHS
- 23- **Annual TEAM BUILDING CHOIR Lock-In Retreat**
- 27- Region Audition Phase I- McKinney (Women Only)
- 30- Music Corp. Picture Day

October-

- 1- Region Auditions Phase II- Wylie High School
- 12- Homecoming Parade
- 13- **A Fall Choir Concert-“OUR JOURNEY HOME” 7:30pm .PSHS AUDITORIUM**

Annual Holiday Butter Braids/ Poinsettias Sales Begin

- 14- Homecoming Game
- 15- Homecoming Dance
- 21- Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 24- No School
- 25- Region Rehearsal at Allen High School
- 29- Region Clinic Concert at McKinney North

November-

- 7-10- Music Corp. Fall Production Week
- 10- **Music Corporation’s- Jazz W/O Elephant Fall Show @ 7:30pm**
- 12- **MEN OF PLANO CONCERT- C.R.U.M.C.**
- 14- All Butter Braids/ Poinsettia orders must be in
- 15- Region Pre-Area Audition- McKinney
- 23-26- Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- 29- Madrigal Dinner Show Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm

December-

- 1- Madrigal Dinner Dress Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
- 2-3, 35th Annual Holiday Madrigal Dinner Show**
- 12-16- Semester Finals
- 19-30- Winter Holiday Break

January-

- 3- Classes Resume
- 7- State Area Auditions for TMEA
- 10- Booster Club Spring Meeting 7:00pm
- 12-14- Annual School Musical**

- 30- Mr. Brookins' Birthday 

February-

- 4- UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest @ PSHS
- 8-11- TMEA State Convention
- 21- Varsity Women Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
- 23- Varsity Men's Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm

March-

- 1- A Cappella Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
- 11-17- Spring Break Holiday**
- 20- Varsity Women's Rehearsal 5:00- 7:00pm
- 22- Varsity Men Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
- 27th- PRE- UIL Concert 7:30pm- Custer Road UMC**

April-

- 10- 12- UIL Concert/Sight Reading Contest**
- 12-16- Choir Trip to Orlando, Florida- Disney World Resorts**
- 19- Chamber Singers Concert @ CRUMC 7:30pm
- 21- Senior Prom Weekend
- 23- Honor Choir Voice Recital Master Class @ PSHS @ 6:30pm
- 25-27-TAKS TEST**
- 27-28- Music Corp. Dance Weekend
- 30- Music Corp. Production Week Begins

May-

4-5 Music Corporation's SING 2012

14- Music Corp. '11'-12 Auditions

15- Choir Spring Concert 7:30pm

17- Music Corp. Call Back Auditions

27- Choir End of Year Awards Banquet, information TBA

28- No School

29- Spring Semester Finals

June-

1- Last Day of Classes

5- Senior Graduation 7:00pm

18- Mr. Council's Birthday 

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throughout the calendar year. Every effort will be
made to keep you aware of any changes far in
advance.**

Plano Senior High School
Department of Choral Music
Choir Booster Executive Board
2011-2012

President/Parent Liaison.....Cindy Allen
Vice President.....Angela Mongtomery
Financial Secretary.....Kathy Macken/ Liz Hainey
Secretary..... Leanne Holliman
Hospitality.....Theresa Clayton & Marcelle Hamilton
Alumni Association.....Ron & Karen Mitchell

2011- 2012 Plano Independent School District
Publications, Video, Internet Consent and Release Agreement

Students who attend school in the Plano Independent School District are occasionally asked to be a part of school and/or District publicity, publications and/or public relations activities. In order to guarantee student privacy and ensure your agreement for your student to participate, the District asks that you and the student sign and return this form to the school for each of your children.

The form referenced below indicates approval for the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portraits (video or still) to appear in school publicity or District publications, videos or on the District's website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers or district publications. These pictures and articles may or may not personally identify the student. The pictures and/or videos may be used by the district in subsequent years.

AGREEMENT *Student and Parent/Guardian release to Plano ISD the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) and consent to their use by PISD.*

Plano ISD agrees that the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) shall only be used for public relations, public information, school or district promotion, publicity, and instruction.

Student and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that:

- No monetary consideration shall be paid;
- Consent and release have been given without coercion or duress;
- This agreement is binding upon heirs and/or future legal representatives;
- The photo, video or student statements may be used in subsequent years.

If the Student and Parent/Guardian wish to rescind this agreement they may do so at any time with written notice.

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Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 26.009(b)(2) PISD has no control of media use of pictures/statements which are taken without permission.

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Release of Liability for Student Participation in School-Sponsored Trip(s)
Via Alternative Transportation

Name of Activity: PSHS Choir Activities

Grade Level/Group Attending: 2011-2012 PSHS Choir

TRAVEL RELEASE

I desire that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in the activities and travel to and from the activities of the group listed above. Although school transportation may be provided to and from the activities, I desire that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in and travel to and/or from the activities via an alternative mode of transportation designated by me.

I fully understand and my son/daughter fully understands that transportation to and from the events attended by the group listed could create risk to the health or safety of my son/daughter. I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur to my son/daughter while traveling to or from the activities in non-school provided transportation. In consideration of Plano Independent School District's allowing my child to participate in the activities of the above-referenced group and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, I hereby release and waive all claims that I or my son/daughter may have against the Plano Independent School District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents, and representatives resulting, in whole or part, from my son/daughter traveling to and from the events attended by the group listed above while traveling in non-school provided transportation. The release and waiver shall be binding on my heirs, legatees, administrators, and assigns.

NOTE: Student Medical/Emergency Information Card must be on file in the school office.

Guidelines For District Extracurricular Activities

Students involved in extracurricular activities are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general student body. Plano I.S.D. views participation in extracurricular activities as a privilege, not a right. Any student who violated the Student Code of

Conduct shall be subject to extracurricular discipline and/or regular school district disciplinary action. This includes any misconduct, regardless of time or location, which would reflect negatively upon Plano I.S.D. in an extracurricular activity. Students clearly involved in major disciplinary infractions (i.e. including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol, and violent behavior) will be placed on probation, removed temporarily, or removed permanently from extracurricular activities. Seasons of extracurricular activities may vary and could extend into the next school year. Discipline action may affect tryout eligibility for the next season.

Disciplinary measures taken by the sponsor/principal may be in on of more of three forms, defined as special assignments, probation, and dismissal.

Special assignments may consist of extra duties and may be assigned from minor disciplinary infractions.

Probation and/or dismissal from extracurricular activities will be for infractions involving alcohol, smoking, drugs, use of profanity, violence, and other serious offenses when the sponsor/principal believes the integrity and credibility of the organization has been jeopardized by the student's action. Probation may also be assigned when the student fails to comply with rules and regulations of the extracurricular activity. (Probation is defined as: A trial period in which a student is permitted to redeem bad conduct.)

The student may be dismissed from the extracurricular activity upon any major infraction, or during a probationary period. Prior to being dismissed from extracurricular activities, the student and parents will be notified of the reasons for the action. The student or his/her parents will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing with the sponsor and principal. The appeals process will be outlined at that time. Request for an appeal must be done within 5 school days at each level of the appeals process. The student will not be eligible for any individual or team recognitions of awards that occur after the date of dismissal. Academic ineligibility is not to be confused with disciplinary action. Under the provisions of House Bill 72, all students must maintain a passing grade in all courses attempted. The probationary time for academic ineligibility is currently six weeks and is established under the education code.

I understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in the District's Student Code of Conduct. I also understand and agree that my child shall be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct at school, and at school-sponsored or school-related activities. This shall include school-sponsored travel and any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location.

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PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Permission for Members of Student Groups to Participate in School-Sponsored Trips

Name of Group: Plano Senior High School Choir

School Year of Group Activities: 2011-2012 PSHS Choral Dept Trips

NOTE: Student Medical/Emergency Information Card must be on file in the school office.

PLANO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF CHORAL MUSIC
HANDBOOK CONTRACT 2011-2012

All students need to return this sheet signed by you and your parents/ legal guardian in order to be considered a member of the Plano Senior High School Choral Department.

Please initial by the following to indicate your understanding and acceptance of the following forms:

_____	_____	2011-2012 PISD Media Release Agreement
Student	Guardian	
_____	_____	Travel Release Form
Student	Guardian	(Alternate Transportation Release)
_____	_____	Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities
Student	Guardian	(Community Performances)
_____	_____	Permission to participate in Group Field Trip
Student	Guardian	(School Sponsored Trips)

I have read this handbook and understand how it applies to me and to my student.

SIGNED: _____
Parent /Legal Guardian

PRINT NAME: _____

Please sign and return this page by Friday, September 2,2011