

Constitution and Bylaws for Tri-M Music Honor Society

Article I – Name and Purpose

The name of the organization will be the “Tri-M Music Honor Society” of Leesville Road High School.

The purpose of this honor society is to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

Article II – Qualification for Induction into the LRHS Chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society

To be admitted, members have to satisfy all of the following:

- Accepted in the Highest Levels of either Orchestra (Chamber Orchestra), Band (Symphonic Band), or Chorus (Capital Pride) and have taken the class for at least one school year throughout their high school years
- Must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5
- Must have continued character strength that includes demonstration of service, leadership, and cooperation

Article II – Maintaining membership in LRHS Chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society

- Service hours are required and each member must have fifteen or more hours of service (at least seven tutoring/ ***performing for the benefit of other hours)
- It is mandatory that members attend all meetings. There will only be two excused absences allowed, in total, for the meetings. If unable to attend a meeting, members must send a Remind text, with a reason why they were unable to make it.
- Must maintain an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5

***Performing for the benefit of other hours: Performing in senior homes, hospitals, churches, etc. without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service.

*If a member fails to meet the criteria above, he/she will not be allowed to continue with the Honor Society.

Article III – Music Service Activities

Each member must complete at least fifteen or more hours per year.

At least seven hours must be tutoring or performing for the benefit of other hours

**** All Service Activities must be actions undertaken by the student that are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. Hours cannot be class requirements and members cannot double dip hours**

Service- Tutoring or performing for the benefit of other hours:

- Helping tutor a music class/kids (e.i. Middle school tutoring, KidzNotes, the Community Music School, etc.)
 - All tutoring not supervised by a LRHS orchestra, band, and chorus teacher must be approved in advance by Mr. Stiles
- Performing in Retirement Homes, hospitals, churches (submit a copy of the Program of Performance and signature of person in charge/manager)
- Helping orchestra, band, and chorus teachers prepare class activities

General/Other hours:

- Watching music performances like the NC Symphony, etc. (submit a copy of the Program of Performance)
- Participating in All State, All Regional, or All County (submit a copy of the Program of Performance)
- Attendance at all club meetings, including turning in dues and forms on time, will be considered 1 other hour
- Participating in a group (Can include groups like TYP, TYS, TYO, NCCMI, flute choir, clarinet choir, low reed choir, winter drumline, winterguard, recorder ensemble, and trombone choir etc. If you are unsure if that group counts please talk to one of the officers.)
- Helping in fundraisers (Cannot be required by classes/cannot get class credit)

If members have ideas for more independent music-related activity beyond those listed above, they must get approval from Mr. Mark Stiles before starting the activity.

Article III – Meetings

Meetings will be held mainly in the auditorium, but occasionally in room 1220. The meetings will be held during B lunch, once or twice a month, unless stated otherwise.

Article IV – Club Officers

The club officers shall consist of the following:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Historian

*Orchestra, Band, and Chorus must be properly represented in the elected officers. If one group is not represented (Orchestra, Band or Chorus), their director must choose one delegate that will meet with the officers and communicate.

Article V – Duties

The club President will have the following duties:

- To preside over meetings of the club
- To call special meetings of the club
- To plan and prepare an agenda for the club meetings
- To represent the chapter on and off campus
- To facilitate the formation of chapter goals
- To complete the annual Chapter Summary Report
- To update members of activities via Remind
- To update the Tri-M Music Honor Society website

The club Vice-President will have the following duties:

- To publicize meetings and other activities
- Organize and plan events
- To schedule guest speakers with assistance from other Chapter Officers
- To educate new members on the history of Tri-M

- To serve as the club President if the president becomes unable to fulfill his/her duties either temporarily or permanently
- To support the club President

The club Treasurer will have the following duties:

- To maintain membership records
- To prepare a chapter roster
- To maintain the chapter's financial records
- To maintain and complete an accurate record of all club receipts and disbursements
- To oversee club fundraising efforts
- To supervise the preparation of the club budget

The club Secretary will have the following duties:

- To handle correspondence for the chapter, including thank you letters and interactions with other Tri-M chapters
- To report chapter activities for the Chapter Summary Report
- To maintain accurate minutes of each club meeting
- To maintain an attendance record for all the meetings
- To check hours and make a record of all members who have completed all their hours

Historian:

- To teach the Tri-M Loyalty Song
- To keep record of chapter activities
- Take pictures during meetings

*All officers must help recruit members

Article VI – Elections

The club will hold the election of officers once a year. The voting will take place by secret ballot via Google Forms. The candidate with the highest votes gets the position. Considering whether or not, at least one Orchestra, Band, and Chorus member are elected, the groups not represented (Orchestra, Band, Chorus) will need to have their director choose one delegate that will meet with the officers and communicate. Once elected, officers may choose to keep their position for following school years.