

CONSTITUTION FOR TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

CHAPTER 3459 – BIXBY HIGH SCHOOL

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Bixby High School music department, in order to foster a greater continued interest and a desire for 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; establish and accept this constitution for the establishment of a music honor society.

ARTICLE I – CHAPTER NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this chapter will be known as:

Chapter 3459 at Bixby High School of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

ARTICLE II – DIVISIONS

This chapter will be a senior chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Members will be senior (grades 9-12) division members of this chapter.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

It will be the purpose of this chapter to:

Provide an appropriate method of recognizing musical achievement in its members,

- Strengthen its school's music program
- Help its members reach their full musical potential,
- Motivate and recognize its members' musical and personal achievement beyond the incentives of credits and grades,
- Encourage its members to work together toward the same goal
- Present an inspiration and challenge to its members, and
- Focus public attention on its school's music program in the community.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section One – Classes

The five classes of student membership are: new student, continuing student, alumni, faculty, and honorary.

Section Two – New Student Members

2A. Requirements

Candidates for student membership shall be chosen from those students enrolled in the music department at Bixby High School, and at the time of their selection, meet the following requirements:

They must have enrolled in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester at Bixby High School

- They must be of excellent character, exhibit a good attitude toward teachers and fellow students, and be cooperative and helpful in their classes while at Bixby High School, and
- They must have maintained for the previous semester at least an “A” grade or equivalent in music with at least a “B” average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.

2B. Selection of Candidates for Student Membership

The sponsor of this chapter shall select candidates for student membership who meet the above requirements. The officers may assist the chapter sponsor in the selection only with regards to consideration of the prospective candidates’ cooperation with fellow students.

2C. Assignments for Candidates

Candidates who accept membership are required to fulfill one of the following assignments:

Perform an approved vocal or instrumental solo, duet, or in a larger ensemble before fellow chapter members, or

1. Prepare an oral or written report on a musical topic in lieu of a performance.

2D. New Student Membership Materials

Candidates who fulfill the requirements for membership and have completed an assignment may be inducted as new members of Chapter 3459 of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at the next membership presentation ceremony, at which time membership pin emblems and cards will be presented.

Section Three – Continuing Student Members

3A. Requirements

All continuing student members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society must meet the following requirements:

They must be registered with the Tri-M Music Honor Society office each year as a continuing member of this chapter by paying the continuing membership fee;

- They must continue participation in a regularly scheduled performing group or music class in the music department at Bixby High School; and
- They must maintain the requirements for new student membership.

3B. Continuing Student Membership Materials

Students who fulfill the above requirements for continuing student membership may continue their membership in the Tri-M Music Honor Society and receive a Certificate of Continuing Membership and membership card.

Section Four – Student Membership Fees

Students being inducted into this chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society are required to pay a new member fee their first year and a continuing membership fee each subsequent year until graduation from this chapter.

Section Five – Alumni Membership

Graduating seniors of this chapter will receive alumni membership in the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Upon receipt of the student membership fee, these members receive an alumni membership card, along with the appropriate membership materials.

Section Six – Faculty Membership

Teachers at Bixby High School who serve as the chapter sponsors and other teachers involved with the operations of this chapter may be inducted into the society as faculty members of Tri-M.

Section Seven – Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships may be awarded to dedicated adults who are active in furthering the cause of music and have contributed to local, state, national or international musical cultures.

ARTICLE V – SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL

The chapter sponsor may suspend any member of this chapter. Should a suspended member fail to qualify for reinstatement within one semester after suspension, he/she must return his/her membership pin emblem and card to the sponsor. All membership fees paid to the national office and fees paid to this chapter are forfeited. Any member suspended from this chapter for more than a year must become an apprentice if he/she wants to be reinstated as a member of Tri-M, and therefore is required to pay the new member fee.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One – Content

The executive committee of this chapter will consist of a chapter sponsor and student officers.

Section Two – Chapter Sponsor

The chapter sponsor of this chapter must be a teacher in the music department at Bixby High School. This chapter may have co-sponsors appointed by the sponsor to assist with chapter operations.

Section Three – Officers

The student officers of this chapter will include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and historian.

Section Four – Quorum Requirement

A majority of the officers and the chapter sponsor constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One – Chapter Sponsor

The sponsor of this chapter will act as supervisor, adviser, guide, and counselor in all matters pertaining to chapter operations. The sponsor will attend all executive committee and chapter meetings and will help officers fulfill their respective duties, including maintaining chapter records and submitting chapter and member fees with the proper forms.

Section Two – President

The president of this chapter will preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the executive committee. He/She and the other officers will conduct the membership presentation ceremony to induct new members, and will hold an election to appoint new officers to preside the following year.

Section Three – Vice President

The vice president of this chapter will preside at all meetings of the chapter in the absence of the president, and it will be his/her duty to assist the president. If programs, special projects, and activities are planned in addition to the membership presentation ceremony, he/she will also serve as program chairperson.

Section Four – Secretary

The secretary of this chapter will be responsible for all correspondence of the chapter and will keep an accurate record of attendance, minutes, and all transactions and meetings of the chapter. The secretary will also serve as social chairperson.

Section Five – Treasurer

The treasurer of this chapter will keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed, all membership fees paid to the society, and all membership pin emblems, cards, and certificates secured from the national office. He/She will report at each meeting the receipts, disbursements, and cash balance on hand. The chapter sponsor should make an audit of the treasurer's records at the end of each semester. The treasurer will also serve as membership chairperson.

Section Six – Historian

The historian of this chapter will be custodian of the chapter scrapbook, in which he/she will keep an accurate record of all programs given by the chapter of any of its members during the year. The historian will report chapter activity to the national office and serve as publicity chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

During a spring meeting, the president will appoint a nominating committee of three who will propose a slate of officers for the coming year and present it at the following meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The candidates will be elected by a majority ballot vote. New officers for the coming year will be installed before the close of the school year in which the election takes place.

ARTICLE IX – VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vacancies occurring on the executive committee during the school year will be filled by the chapter sponsor and are valid only until the next meeting of the chapter, when an election will be held to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS

Section One – Planning

The executive committee will meet in advance to outline scheduled meetings.

Section Two – Frequency

There will be at least seven (7) scheduled meetings of this chapter per year as determined by the chapter sponsor.

Section Three – Voting

All members and apprentices may attend scheduled meetings. No meeting may be held unless the chapter sponsor is present. Only chapter sponsors and current students members have the power to vote.

Section Four – Special Meetings

The chapter sponsor may call a special meeting at any time.

ARTICLE XI – MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION CEREMONY

This chapter will hold at least one (1) public membership presentation ceremony each school year as planned by the executive committee. All membership presentation ceremonies will be held after school hours with parents, friends, school officials, faculty members, and other students in the music department invited.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

This chapter may create amendments and bylaws to amplify sections of its constitution as long as the amendments and bylaws are not in conflict with the Tri-M Music Honor Society Constitution and Bylaws. Amendments must be approved by the chapter sponsor and receive a majority vote from chapter members.