

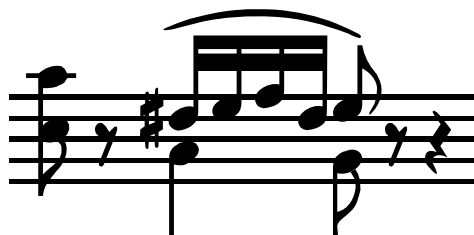
# Columbus Municipal School District Choral Music Department

## S.D. Lee Middle School



*Choral Music Department*  
~ Student/Parent Handbook ~  
**2007-2008**

**“Showtime” Show Choir**  
*Girls’ Choir*



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*“Setting the Standard for Excellence in Music”*

# 2007-2008 Choral Student Constitution

*S.D. Lee Middle School – Michael Jackson, Choral Director*

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*Columbus Municipal School District supports choral music as an active curriculum in our school. In order to maintain a safe climate at all times, the policies and procedures listed herein must be adhered to at all times.*

*Choral Music is a highly visible activity and carries with it a great deal of responsibility, which is borne by those selected to be members. Their behavior and could should exemplify good character and judgment at all times, on and off campus.*

## **Purpose:**

1. To promote music education.
2. To assist in the development of good musicians.
3. To promote community awareness and support.
4. To set the standard for excellence in music.

## **Audition Process:**

1. Open to upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
2. Students must attend the scheduled audition with appropriate forms signed:
  - a. Sing a song of choice
  - b. Sing given vocal exercises chosen by choral director
  - c. Learn required choreography if trying out for show choir
3. Students must have a current average of 80 or above with a satisfactory discipline record.

## **Responsibilities, Requirements and Conduct:**

1. Choral students should represent his/her school in such a manner that is above reproach. Members must be in and remain in good standing with Lee Middle School.
2. The choral director and/or administrators have the authority to recommend suspension or termination of choral members for failure to conduct themselves properly, or failure to fulfill their responsibilities.
3. Choral students are expected to maintain the highest level of academic excellence in their scholastic studies. Therefore, report cards will be checked every nine weeks. If a student is found to be failing a subject he or she must attend tutoring/make-up work sessions during choral class period.
4. Due to the strenuous and physical activity involved with the Showtime Show Choir, a student will be removed from the class in case of pregnancy.
5. Choral students are expected to cooperate with the choral director, captains, dance choreographer, guest directors/clinicians, chaperones, and any other person given executive jurisdiction over the students.

## **Rehearsal Policy:**

- Students will not engage in non-lesson related talk during rehearsal! There is a “zero” tolerance level! When the instructor is speaking or instructing the student is to be silent and attentive.

- Students will notate instructor notes on music with pencil.
- Students will refrain from eating food, candy, or gum.
- Water only is permitted during rehearsals. All bottles must be put in trash before you leave and any spills must be cleaned.
- Students must attend the Dress Rehearsal in order to partake in performance unless excused by the instructor.
- **Sectionals:**
  - o Sectionals are sometimes called by the choral director to work on strengthening a weakness found during class rehearsals. Sectional time is to be taken very serious!!! Sectionals are lead by the choral director; full cooperation and participation is required.

### ***After School/Weekend Rehearsals:***

- Grades are assigned for every Rehearsal; either a 100 “A” or zero “F”.
- After school and weekend rehearsals are often times scheduled in preparation for a concert, performance, competition, or at the discretion of the director.
- Students will be given the dates and time far in advance therefore if you are not able to come, you must notify ***the choral director a day in advance with a written statement*** as to why you can not come; he then will decide if it will be excused or unexcused. Unexcused will result in a zero rehearsal grade which can not be made up in any way.
- Under certain circumstance missing a rehearsal may result in you not being able to perform at the concert, in which then you will receive a zero for rehearsal and zero for a concert grade.
- ***Dress Rehearsals (Mandatory!!)*** – This is the final rehearsal before a concert or performance and attendance is mandatory or you will not be able to participate in the concert or performance. Therefore, a grade of zero will be given for concert/performance and rehearsal. Exceptions will be made on an individual’s situational basis (i.e. death in family, family emergency, or illness).
- ***Students who are involved in other extracurricular activities must inform the director of a scheduled event that will conflict with a scheduled performance or rehearsal at least 2 days prior to the rehearsal or event or ASAP!***

### **Performance Policy:**

- Students will observe all CMSD Policies.
- Students will arrive before the announced call time.
- Students will be dressed in the appropriate attire.
- Students will refrain from chewing gum or eating candy during performance.

### **Course Fee/Fund Raising:**

- ***Failure to pay the course fee (\$150.00) by the required date will result in student being dropped from the group unless the parent has made previous arrangements with the choral director prior to the due date (Note: Not the day of the due date!)***
- In order to fund certain activities and/or trips for Show Choir and Girls’ Choir students will have to participate in fundraisers to completely fund or lessen the cost on the parents.

## LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### Choral Demerit Policy

*Effective as of Monday, October 02, 2006*

**Michael Jackson, Choral Director**

#### **Rationale:**

- To maximize the productivity and effectiveness of the choral ensemble's rehearsals and instructional time.
- To ensure no member of the choral department is denied the opportunity to have a learning environment free from peer disruptions, excess talk, horseplay, and non-participation.
- To ensure the LMS Choral Department consists of only students who are able to maintain a high standard of musicianship, teamwork, good behavior, and self-discipline.

#### **Policy:**

Students enrolled in Girl's Ensemble, Advanced Ensemble, and "Showtime" Show Choir, in addition to the LMS School-wide Demerit system, will receive demerits while under the jurisdiction of the choral director during class, after-school rehearsals, performances, and field trips for any form conduct deemed inappropriate.

Negative Action	Consequence
Not having Music/Materials for Class	1 Choral Demerit
Talking During Rehearsals	1 Choral Demerit
Non-participation in Rehearsal	1 Choral Demerit
Missing a Scheduled Rehearsal (without Director's Approval)	2 Choral Demerits
Missing a Scheduled Performance (without Director's Approval)	2 Choral Demerits

*For each demerit the student receives the parent of the student will be contacted via phone or mail.*

#### **Consequence of Cumulative Demerits:**

# of Demerits	Negative Consequence
<b>1</b>	Warning; Parent Contacted
<b>2</b>	Parent Contacted; Copy Classroom Rules 5 Times
<b>3</b>	Parent Contacted; Copy Classroom Rules 10 Times
<b>4</b>	Parent Contacted; Copy Classroom Rules 10 Times & 30 minutes After School Reflection with Choral Director
<b>5</b>	Parent Contacted; Meeting arranged with Administrator/Parent/Student
<b>6</b>	Parent Contacted; Copy Classroom Rules 12 Times & 60 minutes After School Reflection with Choral Director
<b>7</b>	Parent Contacted; 2 Days ISD during Class Period
<b>8</b>	Parent Contacted; Meeting arranged with Administrator/Parent/Student
<b>9</b>	Parent Contacted; Office Referral to Administrator
<b>10</b>	Parent Contacted; Student is Expelled from Choral Department

*Once the 10<sup>th</sup> Demerit is Reached the student will have a change of schedule and may not participate in any ensembles at Lee Middle School and are ineligible to re-audition for the following year.*

**Note:** Any action such as disrespect, severe disruption, fighting or any other action deemed "severe" by the choral director will result in an immediate office referral.

**Note:** Students who are TARDY will be issued a regular demerit which will be sent to their TEAM LEADER!