Congratulations! Selection to the Northwest Studio Singers is an honor. You are the foremost musical ambassadors of the Northwest Community, and you are the faces that people will think of when they think of our school. For more nearly 50 years, we have upheld high standards in rehearsal, performance, citizenship and social outreach. You have been charged with building upon this legacy. This carries significant responsibilities to yourself, your teammates, your school, your community and the future.

We expect students to “Be here, be in the know, and be on the team.” As a condition of accepting membership in this organization, you acknowledge, understand and agree to the following statements:

- Above all, we demand a substantial degree of commitment to the ensemble and to your colleagues and peers. You must be prepared to make the ensemble a part of your life, and you must make time for rehearsal, outside of school practice and performance in order to maintain the high standards expected of you.

- We expect that you participate in good faith and humility, and that you are driven by a love of music and not a love of attention or glory.

- We expect that you have a continued drive for improvement and will accept constructive criticism from directors, clinicians, or (in designated leadership situations) peers.

- We demand respect of and for the director, choreographer, accompanist, clinicians/judges as well as fellow performers and the ensemble. This includes an awareness of the person leading rehearsal and their desire to move forward at a reasonable pace. This also includes being respectful of direct instruction without being disruptive in conversation and/or engaging in other distracting behaviors.

- You must be prepared to uphold the highest standards of rehearsal / practice, performance, and teamwork. This includes practice outside of class, and keeping rehearsal flowing without distraction.

- You must be a sterling representative of your school and the Northwest Music Department beyond reproach. Morally, socially and behaviorally, you are bound by the letter to the student code of conduct, and expected to surpass those expectations in every way.

- You will maintain passing grades in other classes to retain eligibility. Failure in any class can jeopardize your eligibility to perform/compete per the NSAA. Continued failure in classes may be considered grounds for removal from the ensemble. Remember that the ensemble is but one part of your education.

- You must maintain impeccable attendance. This includes both being present and being punctual. In circumstances where this is absolutely not possible, direct and prompt communication is expected. Habitual absence (except in cases of school sponsored activities), may result in loss of membership or performing privileges.

- To be early is to be on time. You are expected to arrive before the designated call time and to begin work promptly at the designated call time.

- No call/no shows hurt your peers and their performances, reflect badly on the ensemble/school, and makes us all concerned for your well-being. Multiple no call-no shows or unexcused absences may result in loss of membership.

- Only the director can excuse an absence. This is to be communicated in advance directly to the director.

- Communication regarding absence, tardiness or extenuating circumstances will be made directly to the director or accompanist, NOT via peers.

- You must foster a positive working relationship and trust with and among your peers.
- You must keep your own calendar of rehearsals and performances. You must maintain your availability for these dates and times. The calendar will be given to you at start of year, and all additional dates/times will be communicated in advance in class and/or on Remind and reflected in real time in the online calendar at bit.ly/northwestchoral.

- You must return this contract, the syllabus acceptance form and travel permission form in order to participate.

- You will take care of, maintain, and have ready the condition of any garments, props, supplies or music given to you.

- Failure to consistently abide by any of these statements may be grounds for removal from the ensemble.

I understand agree to be bound by these statements as a condition of my membership and in recognition of the responsibility entrusted to me as a member of the Northwest Studio Singers. I will uphold my responsibilities to the absolute best of my ability.

Here Signed

Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

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