

VHS Vocal Jazz Ensemble Contract

Valencia High School Jazz has won 7 Downbeat Awards and multiple accolades over the last decade. They consistently score in the top three groups in multiple competitions and have been featured throughout the state, nation, and world. More importantly, Valencia High School Jazz serves our community and city through their musical service. We are excited to have you be a part of Jazz!

In Jazz, students are in a high achieving performance team. There will be times of travel and touring for festivals, performances, tours, and community service.

During competitions, festivals, tours, and trips, ALL school rules are in effect at all times. Students on a team sport (such as Jazz) must remain with the group at all times. This includes traveling on the bus to the event, and staying/remaining with the team. This is a **requirement** for the class.

There will be times when students will be excused to perform for the district, or throughout the community. All absences will be excused with ONC or WAR, a school excused absence (all make up work can be made). – This a **requirement** for this class.

- ◆ Possession and/or use of tobacco products, alcohol or any controlled substance will not be tolerated. School policy for such infractions will be enforced. At a minimum, student/s will be sent home at their parent's expense and dismissed permanently from choir.
- ◆ Conduct of students in public places should be respectful, courteous and appropriate.

While staying in a hotel, students should be considerate of other guests. Rooms should be left neat and as they found them, and the property should not be damaged. Do not use the items in the honor bar. Do not use the room telephone or make any calls room to room after curfew.

There is not to be two people of the opposite sex alone in any room. There will be school wide consequences if this is found. Do not allow new "friends" on our floor, and certainly not in your room. Students never have permission to switch rooms from the room list provided. Failure to adhere may result in dismissal from the group.

Do not leave your room for any reason after curfew. Get all water, ice, or items from your chaperone before. Do not order food after curfew.

Everyone is expected to be aware of the itinerary and time lines and will adhere to those strictly.

Students are to be respectful to all of the chaperones. They are there to make sure you are safe. If you have general questions, they should have the information. Otherwise, ask Mrs. Mocha. All chaperones will be doing room checks in the evening, and giving out information at that time.

- ◆ Students will be responsible for packing their wardrobe, hanging them up once we arrive and then taking care of them. Make sure you do not leave for the competition without them!
- ◆ Students will be responsible for making sure the chaperones know where they are at all times. They will have your cellphones and you will have theirs.
- ◆ Mrs. Mocha reserves the right to dismiss with a Failing grade and send home at their parent's expense any student who disobeys the rules and whose general **conduct** and **attitude** towards the trip and its participants is determined to be detrimental to the group.

Mrs. Mocha will return emails or questions usually within 24 hours when received at cmocha@hartdistrict.org. Messages received after 3pm will typically be answered the following workday.

I have read and agree to the above guidelines. Failure to sign or meet above requirements = an immediate dismissal from the team.

Student name

Date

Parent/ Guardian name

Date

Welcome Jazz Parents!

We are thrilled that your child will be joining us in one of the elite VHS vocal jazz ensembles next year. I'd like to welcome you into our VHS jazz choir family. Being in vocal jazz will be such an enriching experience where the students will form bonds that will likely last a lifetime.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a choir chaperone so you can join us for some of the jazz festivals that we'll be attending this year (Cuesta Jazz Festival, Fulton Jazz Festival, to name a few). Choir chaperones are an integral part of the vocal jazz experience, plus chaperoning is the #1 best way to get to know the other choir parents and students. We cannot attend the festivals without the chaperones.

As the process for becoming a chaperone can take up to six weeks, I wanted to get the application information to you as soon as possible. Please see our chaperone link on our website (www.valenciachoir.com) to start the process. The sooner the better as we will likely need chaperones as early as this Fall.

I'd like to also invite you to come to our first parent meeting where we will be discussing different fundraising opportunities so that students can fundraise their full contribution towards competitions/festivals and towards the optional competition to Hawaii.

I look forward to meeting you at the Choir Parents' Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm!

Please email me if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,
Christine Mocha
VHS Choir Director
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