

VARIETY

Contract 2013-2014

- 1) You are joining Variety to carry load and unload heavy equipment. Arrive early and stay late to set up and break down. **Everyone** is expected to help load, unload, arrive on time, and stay to break down.
- 2) Doctor appointments, work, and all other appointments need to be planned around any and all rehearsal and performance times.
- 3) Each member needs to purchase the Variety uniform. Guys: Black pants, Themed colored button down dress shirt, Black dress shoes, tie to match. Girls: Black pants, themed colored "silky" shirt, and black shoes.
- 4) Variety members are expected to keep a well-groomed appearance at all times.
- 5) Because Variety is a very visible organization, each member must keep his/her reputation, both academically and socially, above reproach. You constantly represent your school, your community, your director, your family and yourself. *Smoking, drinking, profane language, misbehavior in other classes at school, unwarranted behavior outside the classroom, bad attitudes, any lack of cooperation and/ or respect, and public displays of affection of any kind, are considered inappropriate and **could result in removal from the group.***
- 6) Since no-pass/ no-perform is the law, grades must be kept at the passing level **EVERY SIX WEEKS!!!** The failure of one member puts an incredible strain on the entire group because a majority of our shows will be outside the school. ***A student unable to remain eligible can be removed from the group.***
- 7) Show dates and rehearsal dates are given as much in advance as possible to avoid any and all conflicts. Work is not a valid excuse!!!! Each member **MUST** keep a calendar of all your activities!!!!
- 8) **Private lessons for both singers and instrumentalists are a MUST!!!** Your level of musicianship should always be rising. Especially if you are new to the choir! **All Variety vocalists will participate in the All-Region Choir and Solo & Ensemble.**
- 9) Each member of Variety will be expected to raise \$300 for the pop show in May. Variety members will be expected to participate in the fundraising opportunities throughout the year to raise money for the show. Fundraising will include ad sales and ticket sales.

First deadline - \$100 must be met by August 27th.

Second deadline - \$100 must be met by November 19th – (right before Thanksgiving).

Third deadline - The remaining \$100 must be met by February 1st.

Failure to meet any deadline will result in a written assignment on a topic selected by the directors. The number of days past the deadline will be the number of pages the written assignment will be.

Failure to meet fundraising goals are:

\$200 – \$300 = Vocalist: No solo in the show
Instrumentalist: Will not play on the band number

\$100 - \$199 = Vocalist: No solo, no opening or closing number for each act
Instrumentalist: No band number, will not play on the opening or closing number for each act.

\$1 - \$99 = Vocalist: Will only perform in guy group or girl group songs.
Instrumentalist: Will only perform in guy group or girl group songs

- 10) Attitude is everything!!!!
- a) A good attitude, dedication, and willingness to work hard must be evident at all times.
 - b) Laziness is a by-product of your lack of commitment to the group and will not be tolerated.
 - c) Missing or arriving late to rehearsals, missing deadlines given in class, and poor attitude will affect your grade, the success of the group and reflects your lack of commitment.
 - d) Inability to perform your assigned job when setting up or tearing down the sound system in a timely manner will affect your grade, the success of the group and reflects your lack of commitment.
 - e) Returning Variety members are not entitled to any preferential treatment. (Acting like a diva because you were in the group last year.) These members are however, expected to look out for the welfare of the group (not yourself.) Since you have experience being in the group, the responsibility falls to you to ensure that the spirit of the group is positive and healthy. When the group shines, you shine.
 - f) ALL Variety members share the same responsibility for the quality of the group. An individual's wants and desires may not be what is best for the group. When the group shines, you shine.
 - g) Every member must be equally committed to the same level of excellence. Maintaining your spot in VARIETY is earned..... It is not a gift!!!
- 11) Because Variety has special permission with MISD in regards to transportation, the students will carpool to and from performances together. Mr. Washington will assign student drivers. Students in each vehicle will be limited to the number of seat belts available. Student drivers will follow Mr. Washington at all times and are expected to obey all traffic laws. **ALL** students will wear their seat belts. Student drivers that don't follow Mr. Washington, don't obey traffic laws, and don't wear their seat belts will not be allowed to drive.

- 12) Grading policy:
- a) Skills demonstration and daily participation 40%
 - i) Having your music/ lyrics and instrument/ sticks everyday
 - ii) Having your solos/ part ready
 - iii) Having your calendar everyday
 - iv) Punctuality
 - (1) To class
 - (2) To rehearsals after school
 - (3) To performances
 - b) Member responsibilities 40%
 - i) Doing your job setting up & tearing down the sound system in a timely manner
 - ii) Having your uniform
 - iii) Attending Solo & Ensemble
 - c) Meeting deadlines given in class 20%

Print Student's Name

Print Parent's Name

Students Signature

Signature / Date

Parent Signature

Signature / Date