



Los Cerritos Middle School Choir

Who says Music doesn't change lives?

Los Cerritos Middle School is committed to setting the standard in the choral arts. Our continued excellence requires every choir member's full commitment and participation. Accordingly, I do agree to ACCEPT and COMMIT to the following **CHOIR CODE OF CONDUCT.**
(Please initial next to each code)

1. **Food/Gum:** I will not EVER chew gum or eat food during any choir event. This includes, class, practice—or any choir event. I know that gum/food can be LETHAL.
2. **Focus:** I will give 100% in every class. 100% focus means: a positive attitude, singing my best, communicating the music with my face and body, saving socialization for other times, and being a team member—every day.
3. **Distraction:** I will not be a distraction for any choir member, audience member or the director—both on and off stage.
4. **Respect:** I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring respect to myself, my school and my program—both on and off campus. This includes behavior/choices in other LCMS classes/programs and social media.
5. **Attire/Presentation:** I will show up at all choir events in correct attire. For performance, this means my choral uniform—and hair/make-up as required. This includes under-garments and footwear as well. I show respect for myself and my team by making sure my appearance matches the LCMS Choral standard.
6. **Attendance:** I will try, to the very best of my ability, to be on time for class, and to attend all rehearsals/performances. I understand that if I must be absent-- I will text or email the director within a timely manner. I know that my absence effects everyone else in the group. I also know that I may be required to complete a make-up assignment—the same as I would in any other academic class.
7. **Organization:** I will organize my time so that my academic/extracurricular responsibilities do not conflict with rehearsals, meetings, events and/or performances. I accept that if I am off campus for a choir-related activity I am still responsible for all the classwork and homework assignments given that day.
8. **Folder:** I will obtain a choir folder, and I will bring my choir folder to class every day. My choir folder will have a pencil in it—which will also be present—every day.

9. **Grades affect Performance:** My job here at LCMS is to be the best student I can be; therefore, I must do my very best not only in the choir classroom—but in my academic classes as well. I am required to have a C average or above in all my classes with no N’s in citizenship or work habits to be able to participate in any choir performance. A suspension means I cannot participate in choir performances until the Dean/Principal determines I am ready. Finally, a pattern of tardiness, dress code infractions, or disciplinary actions can result in being unable to participate in choir performances. All of these can result in a reassignment to another elective if the director and principal do not feel progress is being made towards the LCMS Choir Standard.
10. **Performance Opportunities:** As an LCMS Choir Member I will participate in three concerts: Winter Concert/December at NPHS, Leopard Lounge/March at TOHS and Cumulation Concert/June at WHS. In addition, I will attend one SCVA festival sometime in the spring. All other performances and activities are at the discretion of the director and her principal.
11. **Sickness:** I understand that if I am sick—but well enough to attend school—that I must have a parent note to be excused from singing. If I am excused from singing—I will be expected to join the activity of the choir in silence. I will use silent learning—and will not expect to be excused from class completely.
12. **Handbook:** I have read the choir handbook, and I fully understand the commitment I am making.

Due August 23, 2019

***For every day this is late you will go down one full letter grade**

In addition, visit our website: Lcmschoir.com and complete the Beginning of the Year checklist found in the BLOG section. This is due by August 30th and is part of the student’s grade.

By signing below, I agree to abide by all the codes listed on this contract. Inability to follow the LCMS Choral Code, as determined by the director, will result in serious consequences—including possible re-assignment into another elective.

Student Name: _____

Current Choir: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____