

Music Honor Society Constitution

This constitution was created by the founding members of Tri-M in association with many of the NAFME bi-laws

Preamble

We, the members of the Coral Glades High School music department, in an effort to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, and promote leadership in the music students of our school, accept these bylaws for the establishment and operation of our Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter.

Article I: Chapter Name and Location

The name of this chapter will be known as:

Coral Glades Tri-M / Modern Music Masters / Music Honor Society

Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter _____ (number) at Coral Glades.

Article II: Division

This chapter will be a Senior chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
Members will be Senior division members of Tri-M.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of this chapter will be to:

- Provide an appropriate method for recognizing the musical achievements of our members
- Strengthen our school's music program
- Help our members reach their full musical potential
- Motivate and recognize our members' musical and personal achievements, credits, and grades - Encourage our members to work together toward the same goal
- Inspire and challenge our members
- Focus public attention on our school's music program through community service - Create a space for musicians of all kinds to engage in activities, discussions, and service together in enthusiasm for music.

Article IV: Membership

Section One—Membership Classes

Members shall be Active, Alumni, or Honorary.

Section Two—Active Membership

To be a fully recognized member, dues must be paid or fundraised, members must be inducted after submitting applications that will be approved by officers and sponsor.

Members will engage in events, socials, and services the club sponsors, along with possibly chord after 2 or more years of membership.

A. Requirements

Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen by the chapter advisor. Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen from those students enrolled in the music department. Candidates, at the time of their selection, shall meet the following requirements:

- They must have enrolled in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester of the current school year
- They must exhibit leadership, service, and character in their activities
- Members must currently be enrolled in a music class with a 3.0 GPA or higher in said class along with a 2.0 in other core academics.

In order to be considered an 'active' member and be eligible for the cord senior year, members must meet the following requirements:

- Members must earn 25 points per semester, to total 50 points per school year. If they fail to meet this requirement for the first semester, they will have the chance to make up any missing points the following semester in addition to the 25 points for that semester.
 - Members must complete the performance requirement at least one time per school year. This requirement may be earned from Solo and Ensemble, Winter/Spring Concerts, Open Mic Nights, Spotlight Series, or any other performances determined by the Chapter Advisor and President.
 - Members must participate in at least 2 volunteering opportunities per semester, to total 4 volunteering opportunities per school year. This will include Sawgrass Springs Middle School mentoring, or any other future opportunities determined by the Chapter Advisor and President.
 - Members must apply to at least 1 scholarship per semester, to total 2 scholarships per school year. The club shall inform its members of the many scholarships available, in order for members to fairly meet this requirement.
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- Stoles are awarded to graduating senior officers who meet the above requirements.

B. Public Notice

A written description of the selection procedure shall be made available to all music students and their parents prior to candidate consideration. The selection procedure shall be consistent with articles of the Tri-M Program Guidelines.

C. Lapsed Membership

Members and their eligibility for Tri-M membership will be reviewed on an annual basis to consider their continued participation in the Tri-M program. These reviews shall be done at the end of each school year for the year after by the advisor and current officers along with officer elects. The review shall confirm the member's enrollment in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester of the current school year and that the member has maintained for the previous semester at least a B average grade or equivalent in music, with at least a C average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.

If a current member does not or cannot meet the academic or music criteria necessary to be considered a Tri-M member, his or her membership will lapse in good standing until the music and academic criteria are once again met.

The chapter advisor shall determine when a lapsed member is reinstated based upon proof that membership criteria have once again been met.

Section Three—Alumni Membership

Upon graduation, active members shall become alumni members. Alumni members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section Four—Honorary Membership

The chapter advisor may award honorary memberships in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the chapter in keeping with the purpose of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Honorary membership may be awarded to guest clinicians, school officials, principals, teachers, Tri-M advisors, adults, or students with disabilities who are unable to fully meet the active member criteria. Other students are not eligible for honorary membership. Honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Article V: Meetings

Section One—Planning

The executive committee will meet in advance to outline scheduled meetings.

Section Two—Times

Regular meetings during the school year shall be on the second Thursday of every month.

Section Three—Frequency

There will be at least 1 scheduled meeting of this chapter per month and determined by the chapter advisor.

Section Four—Voting

All members may attend scheduled meetings. No meeting may be held unless the chapter advisor is present. Only the chapter advisor and active student members have a voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section Five—Special Meetings

The chapter president or other designated student leader may call special meetings approved by the executive committee.

Article VI: Executive Board

Section One—Chapter Advisor

The advisor of this chapter will act as supervisor, guide, and counselor in all matters pertaining to chapter operations. The advisor will attend all executive committee and chapter meetings and will

help officers fulfill their respective duties, including maintaining chapter records and submitting chapter fees with the proper forms.

Section Two—President

The chapter president will lead the members toward the attainment of the goals of this chapter and of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The president will preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the executive committee. The president and the other officers will conduct the induction ceremony for new members and will hold an election to appoint new officers to preside the following year. Expected to attend all activities. Maximum of 4 absences from any event, including those not at school.

Section Three—Vice President

The vice president of this chapter will preside at all meetings of the chapter in the absence of the president, and it will be his or her duty to assist the president. If programs, special projects, or activities are planned in addition to the membership presentation ceremony, the vice president will also serve as program chairperson.

Expected to attend all activities. Maximum of 4 absences from any event on the school campus.

Section Four—Secretary

The secretary of this chapter will be responsible for all correspondence of the chapter and will keep an accurate record of attendance, minutes, and all transactions and meetings of the chapter.

The secretary will also serve as social chairperson. Expected to attend all activities. Maximum of 4 absences from any event on the school campus; ~~including those not at school.~~

Section Five—Treasurer

The treasurer of this chapter will keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed, membership fees paid to the honor society (if any), and all membership pin emblems, cards, certificates, and insignia items secured from the national office. The treasurer will report at each meeting the receipts, disbursements, and cash balance on hand. Is responsible for informing other officers of PAF approvals. The chapter advisor should make an audit of the treasurer's records at the end of each semester. Expected to attend all activities. Maximum of 4 absences from any event on the school campus.

Section Six—Historian

The chapter historian shall keep a comprehensive record of all programs presented by the chapter and its members, including pictures and news clippings; serve as publicity chairperson. Expected to attend all activities. Maximum of 4 absences from any event on the school campus.

Section Seven - Representatives

The chapter representatives are responsible for coming up with creative ideas that incorporate their class. Should constantly be promoting the chapter. Expected to attend all activities.

Maximum of 4 absences from any event on the school campus.

If there are vacancies/a lack of applications, stand-in officers could be used in lieu of applied/verified ones, officers would be elected after submitting applications which would consist of interviews,

speeches, and qualifications.

Article VII: Elections

- Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Representatives will be elected and interviewed, though if there came a tie the current officers and sponsor would get executive decisions. Officers can run for two terms at maximum, with each term lasting one school year, though they can change positions after the second year.
- Elections will be held during the meeting after which all applications are collected and/or interviews are held. With run-offs, sponsors and currently standing officers get executive decisions.
- Vice President may be appointed to President for the upcoming school year by the current President and Chapter Advisor if they are deemed fit. They may also be involved in the officer board interviewing process for the upcoming school year.

Article VIII: Funds

- Members will have to pay \$20 dues, covering the \$100 registration fee for the chapter along with possible benefits such as parties with food, t-shirts, merchandise, or field trips/activities. Funding could also support the school's booster and music programs. Fundraisers would also be a means of paying dues for members along with supporting the club.

Article IX: Executive Committee

Section One—Committee Members

The executive committee of this chapter will consist of a chapter advisor and student officers.

Section Two—Chapter Advisor

The chapter advisor of this chapter shall be a teacher in the music department. Co-advisors are optional.

Section Three—Student Officers

The student officers of this chapter will include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

Section Four—Quorum Requirement

A majority of the officers and the chapter advisor constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X: AFFILIATIONS

- This club is officially affiliated with NAFME, the National Association for Music Education, along with every other existing Tri-M chapter, as they are all part of the same major organization. In addition, this chapter is affiliated directly with Coral Glades High School.
- The Tri-M chapter participants are limited to the powers vested to them by NafME, the Tri-M Program Guidelines, and these bylaws.
- In any matter not provided for in the Tri-M Program Guidelines, these chapter bylaws, or by local, state, or federal law, Tri-M Chapter _____ (number) at Coral Glades will act by majority vote of those present at any annual, regular, or special meeting.
- As a program of Coral Glades High, this Tri-M chapter understands that the principal and school administration have the power to veto any local Tri-M decisions.
- Only NafME has the power to amend or revise the Tri-M Program Guidelines.

Article XI: Induction Ceremony

This chapter will hold at least one public induction ceremony/ceremonies each school year as planned by the executive committee. All induction ceremonies will be held after school hours with parents, friends, school officials, faculty members, and other students in the music department invited to attend.

Article XII: Bylaw Ratification

- Bylaws must be approved by the chapter advisor and school administration and receive a two-thirds affirmative vote from chapter members to be ratified as law of the organization. - Members, sponsors, and officers will approve or reject any parts of the constitution after it is officially introduced during the first meeting.

Article XIII: Amendments

- The chapter shall regularly review these bylaws and amend or revise them if they do not meet the current needs of the chapter. Any amendment or revision must be consistent with the Tri-M Program Guidelines.
- Any member may submit minor revision drafts to the Executive Committee for consideration. A specially appointed bylaws revision committee shall draft major revisions or complete bylaw rewrites. Revision proposals must be passed by an Executive Committee majority vote to be presented to the chapter membership for a vote.
- When the Executive Committee passes a revision proposal with a majority vote, that revision proposal shall be presented to the chapter in written form prior to a chapter vote for adoption as chapter law. Proposed amendments or revisions require a two-thirds affirmative vote by chapter membership and school administration approval for adoption.