

WWSHS SHOW CHOIRS and CUSD 200 Co-Curricular Code

We are thrilled that your child is interested in Show Choir at Wheaton Warrenville South! Many students have come through the program, and have become incredible musicians, performers, and most importantly, better human beings through their participation. A word of caution: although students are encouraged to participate in the show choir programs at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, there is a concern that some students become overextended. Students involved in multiple activities may develop conflicts between activities and academic progress. Students should discuss with their parents and directors the possible conflicts that may arise and work together to resolve them.

The show choir program strives to develop in its participants such lifelong traits as strong character, good sportsmanship, leadership skills and a strong work ethic. It also aims to develop personal characteristics in its participants such as integrity, self-discipline, responsibility, respect and maturity. The program further challenges the students to develop a positive self-concept as well as a healthy body and mind.

Participation in the WWSHS Show Choir Program is a privilege, not a right. Students must earn this privilege by meeting certain expectations as outlined in the Co-Curricular Code, which is published in the student handbook.

While some interscholastic activities can accept an unlimited number of participants, our show choir offerings must limit membership. The number of students selected for each group may vary from year to year. If you have questions about this, please contact Chris Miller or Kyle Grace.

Selection of students will be based on their skill, work ethic, character and ability to meet the academic requirements for participation. We will use auditions, discussion with teachers, deans and administrators, and grade verification to help determine how well each student meets the above criteria. The auditions will be judged by a group of show choir professionals from the area. Their scores will be used in determining the final rosters of Classics and Esprit. For Show Band, Mr. Miller and Mr. Grace will score the students.

Participation Fees

All students participating in Show Choir or Show Band are required by the Board of Education to pay participation fees. Fees vary from year to year depending on the travel, costuming and other components of the competitive season. Payment plans are available. Reduction or Exemption of fees is also available, however parents will be asked to provide tax returns and other financial documents to accurately determine the amount of financial aid needed, if any.

Show Choir Participation Fees are Non-Refundable. All students participating in Show Choir are required to be in good standing with all District fees and obligations.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

As soon as the rosters have been determined, Mr. Miller and Mr. Grace will send out a note about a Mandatory Parent Meeting that must be attended by at least one parent. Even if this is the 4th year of involvement, all students are required to have at least one parent in attendance. Schedules, expectations, volunteer opportunities, etc. will be discussed at this critical meeting. Date and time for the 2018-2019 meeting is Monday May 21 at 7pm.

CUSD 200 Academic Eligibility

Students' participation in Show Choir is contingent upon the following:

- Students must make proper course selections and make successful progress in these courses. To be eligible to participate students must meet both weekly eligibility requirements and semester requirements.

Weekly Requirements

- Satisfy the Illinois High School Association's scholastic standing requirements of having a passing grade in five (5) classes.

Semester Requirements

- Successfully complete five (5) classes each semester.

Penalties for Not Meeting Eligibility Criteria

Students who do not meet the weekly eligibility requirements shall be suspended from participation for the subsequent week. Eligibility reports come out from the Activities Office each Thursday. If a student is deemed academically ineligible, the suspension starts on Sunday and runs through to the following Saturday.

- **Example:** Rolf has 4 F's on the Thursday May 17 Eligibility Report. He has a show choir competition on Saturday May 19. He can participate in that contest. However, he will be suspended from the show choir competition Saturday May 26, as he is not passing 5 classes and his suspension runs from 12:00AM Sunday May 20-11:59PM Saturday May 26. Don't be Rolf! Keep your grades in order!

Students who do not meet the criteria at the end of the semester (Successfully complete five (5) classes each semester) shall be suspended from show choir for the subsequent semester. Courses repeated during summer school, correspondence, and/or alternative schools, on case-by-case basis, will apply when determining academic eligibility.

Attendance Requirements to Participate

- Must attend school at least four (4) hours in order to participate in the given activity that school day.
- Must attend school at least four (4) hours in order to attend practices that school day.

CUSD 200 Activities Code

Participation in Show Choir or Show Band is a significant component of high school students' development. Through participation, students develop life-long skills and positive values. These include: cooperation, leadership, healthful living habits, self-discipline, integrity, teamwork, citizenship skills, and respect for rules and regulations. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. This privilege asks students to meet certain expectations beyond those found in the traditional classroom situation.

Evidence suggests that abuse of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, and other illegal drugs usually takes place away from the school setting. District 200 strongly discourages students from attending parties and other situations where these abuses take place. Students involved in Show Choir or Show Band should not jeopardize their individual or team reputation by attending these functions. Further evidence suggests that students are most successful in avoiding alcohol/drug abuse when students, parents, school personnel and the community are working together and have consistent standards. These standards should include support and responsibility. If adolescents need help, it is the responsibility of the home, school and community to provide that help. At the same time, adolescents need rules and regulations by which their actions are guided. When rules are violated, students should be responsible for their actions. Listed below are the rules for participation in all athletic and activity programs. This Athletic/Activity Code shall apply to all students who participate in extracurricular activities.

Violations

The following are examples of prohibited conduct which may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the activity. The Code provides a *minimum* standard of conduct and guidance when addressing certain behaviors. It does not, and cannot, enumerate each and every situation or conduct for which discipline may be imposed.

- The purchase, possession, delivery or distribution of, or being under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or any other illegal, mood-altering and/or performance- enhancing drugs or chemicals, or any substance used to obtain an altered mental state or “high;”
- The purchase, possession or use of tobacco products;
- The purchase, possession, delivery or distribution of look-alike drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol containers;
- Hosting or attending a party, or having the participant’s parent/guardian or family member host a party, at which the use of any of the aforementioned substances is permitted for high school students (see subsequent section regarding attendance at parties);
- Assault or battery;
- Bullying, intimidation, hazing, and/or harassment of a written, verbal, physical, or sexual nature, including but not limited to handwritten, computer-generated or spoken words;
- Theft, possession of stolen property, or destruction of private property;
- Criminal acts or serious acts which are determined by Mr. Miller, Mr Grace, the Activity Director and/or Dean to be detrimental to the individual, the group or the school.
- This list includes but is not limited to the stated violations. Again, other acts that are detrimental to the show choir program may also be considered violations of the Code.

For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, the following definitions apply:

Under the Influence: Any student who has consumed or used any amount of any prohibited substance will be considered under the influence. Being under the influence includes, but is not limited to, the emission of the odor of any of these substances, such as having alcohol on the breath, or any impairment of normal functioning, such as slurred speech, inability to walk properly or dilated pupils.

Possession: Possession means having any knowledge of, and any control over, an item. Control includes, but is not limited to, having access to an item in a school locker, personal effects, a vehicle, or other place where the item is located. It is not necessary

that a student intended to control the item. A student may acquire knowledge of an item visually, by being told about the item, or through other sensory perception. A student's knowledge will be determined based on the surrounding circumstances, not just the student's statements. For example, "forgetting" that an item is in one's locker, personal effects, or vehicle does not constitute a lack of knowledge.

Delivery: Delivery means a transfer, or attempted transfer, of possession or control to another person whether or not the substance or item is in that person's immediate presence. Delivery includes, but is not limited to, any gift, exchange, sale or other transfer with or without payment or other consideration.

Look-alike: a "look-alike" is any substance or item which is not, but reasonably appears to be, or is represented to be, the real substance or item. Examples include, but are not limited to: (a) a toy gun which is very difficult to distinguish, except upon close examination, from an actual gun; (b) a green leafy plant material, which is not, but is claimed, believed or intended to appear to be marijuana; and (c) a white powdered substance which is not, but is claimed, believed or intended to appear to be a toxic chemical or biological agent.

Drug Paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, pipes, one-hitters, rolling papers, or any device or item which contains residue of an illegal substance.

Consequences for Violation of the CUSD 200 Activities Code

A. FIRST OFFENSE: the student suspension is 20% of the competition or performance dates in which the student is a participant. The suspension will be served during the present activity or the next activity in which the student chooses to participate.

School-approved assessment/remediation program: students will have the opportunity to reduce their **first offense** suspension to 10% of the competition or performance dates in which the student is a participant. Students must enroll in and complete an approved assessment/remediation program as determined by appropriate school personnel. Failure to comply with the recommendations will result in continued suspension of 20% of the competition or performance dates.

Voluntary admission (first offense ONLY): if a student seeks out Mr. Miller, Mr. Grace or appropriate school official to admit to a code violation, the admission will only be considered voluntary if it occurs PRIOR to any knowledge of the incident by the police or school personnel. A student who voluntarily admits their first code violation will have consequences waived. For voluntary admissions related to alcohol or substance use/possession, the student must enroll in and complete an approved assessment/remediation program as determined by appropriate school personnel. Failure to enroll, complete the assessment/remediation program or follow the recommendations will result in the application the full consequences as listed in sections A, B, C as appropriate.

Attendance only without use: A student who violates the Code by attendance at a party where substance use occurs and for whom there is deemed sufficient proof of non-use shall be suspended for one contest or one week, whichever is deemed appropriate by school personnel, for the sport/activity. A second offense has the same consequence as a first offense involving use.

B. SECOND OFFENSE: the student suspension is 50% of the competition or performance dates in which the student is a participant. The suspension will be served during the present activity or the next activity in which the student chooses to participate.

C. THIRD OFFENSE: the student will be suspended from participating in athletics/activities for one calendar year. Re-entry to activities will be subject to a meeting with appropriate school personnel.

D. FOURTH OFFENSE: the student will be permanently suspended from participating in athletics/activities for the remainder of their high school career.

WWS SHOW CHOIRS TRAVEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Show Choir Trips are sponsored school functions; therefore all rules, regulations and policies of CUSD 200 and Wheaton Warrenville South High School apply. *In addition, the following policies are in place for our Show Choir program.*

WWS SHOW CHOIRS TRAVEL CONDUCT REGULATIONS

Safety is the number one concern on our trips. Also, please remember you are representing your family, the WWSHS Show Choir Program, your school, and your community. Conduct yourself accordingly. Extra-curricular activities and field trips like this are a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate behavior of any type as deemed by Mr. Miller, Mr. Grace or chaperones will not be tolerated! **Disruptive actions on your part may not only lead to serious consequences for you, but also cancellation of future show choir trips.**

The following forms of behavior **will not be tolerated** at any time on the trip.

- A. Smoking (including vapes, cigarettes, cigars, marijuana, etc.) –even if you are 18, smoking of any kind is not permitted at any time under any circumstance.
- B. Drinking alcohol
- C. Use of drugs or illegal substances or being in possession of them including any paraphernalia intended for use of them.

- D. Any form of hazing or horseplay
- E. Leaving the group unexcused (AWOL)

- F. Abusing the curfew-*if you are outside of your room at all after the announced bed check time, pack your bags. You are going home.*
- G. Vandalism or damage to property
- H. Fighting-verbal, physical or electronic
- I. Tardiness
- J. Use of abusive or improper language.
- K. Disrespect towards staff, chaperones, other students or other people we encounter on the trip.

CONSEQUENCES

Any violation of rules A, B, C, D, and E and F will result **in a call home and your expulsion from the trip. Your trip home is at your own expense. If your parents come along on the trip, you will gather your belongings and be turned over to them. You will not be allowed to participate in any of the group activities or the competition.**

Please refer to the WWSHS Student Handbook for further explanation of school policies. Violation of rules G through K will be reviewed by Mr. Miller, Mr. Grace and WWSHS Administration. These will result in serious consequences on a case by case basis. If there are concerns, please feel free to discuss them with Mr. Miller or Mr. Grace.

BAGGAGE INSPECTION

All luggage, purses, and carry-on bags may be inspected prior to leaving or at any time during the trip. Students found in violation of school rules and trip policy (depending on the violation) will **not** be allowed to participate in the trip, or will be sent home at their own expense.

**Students are responsible for their belongings at all times. Be cautious – leave valuables at home, including good watches, jewelry, expensive cameras, etc.*

CUSD 200 and WWS Show Choirs Co-Curricular Code Parent Agreement Form

The Show Choir Parent Agreement Form is to be completed by a parent/guardian and participant prior to his/her participation. The commitment that this signature represents will remain in effect for one calendar year from the date of signing. In order for the individual to participate after that date, the participant must once again complete the form as a commitment for the next calendar year. *The Code is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the duration of that entire year (including summer break), and applies to student conduct on and off campus, even when the conduct is not directly connected to the high school.*

Violations are cumulative throughout a student's attendance at District 200 high schools. Students who violate the Code must complete the steps for re-entry and remediation as outlined during a required parent conference with appropriate school staff in order to meet the terms of the Code. Students who are serving a code violation must begin and complete the entire season during which the suspension is served. If a student is dismissed from the team/activity or quits the team/activity during the period of their suspension, the suspension will continue to the next sports/activity season in which the student participates.



CLICK THIS LINK TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT

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