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HONORS ORCHESTRA INTENT FORM

I have reviewed with my band director the expectations for participation in the Henrico County Public Schools Honors Orchestra Program. I understand the requirements and hereby agree to participate in Honors Orchestra for the 2016-2017 school year.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

(Orchestra Director Signature)

(Date)

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REQUIREMENTS ONCE SELECTED FOR HONORS ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

1. Participation in Advanced Orchestra

- No exceptions without the expressed approval of the director. (Attendance at rehearsals, concerts and school music activities in accordance with advanced orchestra curriculum and essentials).

2. Auditions

- All-County Orchestra and participation, if selected.
- Senior Regional Orchestra and participation, if selected.
- All-Virginia Orchestra and participation, if selected.

3. Major Project

- Project may be written or performance oriented, proposed and presented prior to May 15th. This year-long project may include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Composing and performing an original work in a concert setting
 - ii. Transcribing a major work for band or orchestra
 - iii. Writing a music research paper
 - iv. Preparing and performing a solo with a band or orchestra
 - v. Preparing and conducting a selection on a concert
 - vi. Assisting orchestra director with projects within the school – (this type of project should be discussed and approved by the orchestra director)
 - vii. Participation in a performing ensemble outside of school, (e.g., a community orchestra or church ensemble that performs regularly)

4. Attendance at Musical Performances outside of school

- Students must attend 2 musical performances per nine week grading period outside of Freeman High School for a total of 8 for the entire school year. Once the student has attended the performance, the “Performance Critique” form must be completed. The review must be submitted within one week of the attended performance.
- **When attending performances and submitting reviews, the following guidelines should be observed:**
 - i. only 1 performance review may be a popular music (rock, rap, country, etc.) performance
 - ii. only 1 performance review may be a concert or musical performance put on by another public school
 - iii. only 1 performance review may be a performance by a church or religious organization