Washoe County School District Honor Band, Honor Choir, Honor Orchestra, Festival Orchestra and Honor Jazz Band Audition Application Form This complete form must be brought with you to your audition accompanied by the Code of Conduct, Tardy Policy, and Media Release.

PART ONE: Student Information PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name:			School:					
Address:			City/ Zip:					
Home Phone:()	E-mail:		Grade (please circle): 9 10 11 12				
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Concert Band	List instrument(s) here (if	auditioning on multiple in:	struments please list in order o	of preference):				
		efer placement be made nent should be determined		d regardless of instrument, please check the following:				
Jazz	List instrument(s) here (if	auditioning on multiple in:	struments please list in order o	of preference):				
<u>Band</u>	If you prefer placement be No preference/place			trument, please check the following:				
Washoe County Hor	nor Ensemble Code of Conductuding the Attendance Contract	and Attendance Policy, an	nd punctually attend all rehear	quired literature, follow all rules and regulations in the sals. I realize I must be a member of my school's parallel Failure to follow these policies and guidelines may result in				
Student Signature/D			Parent/Guardian Signa	ture/Date				
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student is a member	in good standing of our school	mber of the WASHOE CO concert organization (s).		HONOR BANDS, CHOIRS or ORCHESTRAS. This				
	In order to audition for a Wash rming group at his/her high scl		Honor performing ensemble,	the student must be enrolled in and in good standing with the				
Relevant comments	from director:							
Director's Printed Name			Director's	email address				
Director's Signate	ure/Date		Director's	Contact Number in Case of Emergency				

Washoe County School District Honor and Festival Ensemble Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy (This form is required for anyone who is auditioning for any honor ensemble.)

While the Washoe County School District Music Department activities provide excellent performance opportunities for high achieving music students in the school district, it is also to be viewed as a privilege for these students to represent their peers at this level. As a participant, the student agrees to meet the terms of the following code.

ELEGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- 1. Charter students have to be enrolled in their school's ensemble OR a district's ensemble. If there is no ensemble at their school, they have to be enrolled in a WCSD HS ensemble. Private lessons do not count as an ensemble. We are supporting what the school's ensemble is doing.
- 2. Private schools cannot audition for WCSD Honor Ensembles, unless they are enrolled in a WCSD school ensemble.
- 3. Students, in order to audition for a WCSD Honor Ensemble, must be registered in a WCSD school ensemble.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. The student agrees to meet the terms of the attendance policies as outlined in the attendance policy statement, which is to be signed and returned to the school's music director and forwarded to the appropriate chairperson. The attendance policy contains very strict demands at all rehearsals and does not allow any tardiness.
- 2. The student will rehearse and adequately prepare the music of the ensemble and come to the rehearsal site with all music and a pencil for use during the rehearsals.
- 3. Students will maintain proper decorum at all times. This includes proper decorum in the rehearsal venues, performance venues, public areas, restaurants, etc.
- 4. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Violation of this rule by a student or students will result in removal from the conference.
- 5. Student agrees to follow all of his or her own school rules, regulations and policies. This includes the dress code policy. At the time of the honor ensemble, the student will remain in good standing with their school/school ensemble, as verified by the school's director.
- 6. Students accepted to a Washoe County School District Honor or Festival Ensemble will be required to pay a participation fee of \$15 WCSD Music Department.
- 7. All students are required to wear the same formal uniform they would wear if they were to perform in a concert with their school orchestra. Men are required to wear a black tuxedo with black dress shoes. Women are not allowed to wear any sleeveless, backless, or "spaghetti strap" dresses. A student dressed inappropriately will not be allowed to perform in the Honor Orchestra and will forfeit their right to audition for and participate in Nevada All State Orchestra.
- 8. In order for students to audition for any All-State Ensemble, they must qualify by participating in the parallel WCSD High School Honor Ensemble. If a student misses the WCSD Ensemble concert, they will be ineligible for All-State Orchestra. The Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir students are not allowed to audition for the Nevada All State Ensembles.
- 9. In order to provide a fair and accurate scoring system the score sheets in this policy will be used by all adjudicators. It is a one hundred point scoring system.
 - a. **HSHO ONLY** Auditioners will be judged on the intonation and tone of their prepared scales. Their excerpts will be judged on the following points: Tone, intonation, style, tempo, bowing facility, fingering facility, dynamics and rhythm. There will be two adjudicators for every room and their scores will be averaged. This average will determine the student's acceptance in the orchestra. This will be a "blind" audition, meaning the adjudicators will not be able to see the students during the audition process. Seating will be based on the auditions. The top two scoring violins will be placed in the Violin I section, the second two top scoring violins will be placed in the Violin II section, and so on. If a student's instrument is out of tune, the auditioner may ask the student to return to the proctor to fix the tuning but may not actually tune the instrument himself.
 - b. **HSHO ONLY -** <u>AUDITION MUSIC</u> There will be one scale chosen: A two octave scale and arpeggio will be played by everyone. There will also be one prepared excerpt and one short sight-reading excerpt that each person will play. Auditioners will listen to the same excerpts and scales from each student.
 - c. **FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA ONLY** Each orchestra program in WCSD will be allowed to nominate a minimum of ten (10) students, or maximum of ten percent (10%) of the orchestra's program for the Festival Orchestra. Selection criteria will be determined by the individual orchestra directors. Students will be nominated for the Festival Orchestra by their school orchestra director. Once members are invited to the orchestra, they will be given the music to prepare for a seating audition to be held at the second rehearsal. Seating for the first rehearsal will be by alphabetical order of last name. Students are expected to prepare all repertoire for their seating audition. Excerpts will be chosen by the Festival Orchestra staff.
- 10. Auditions are live and will note be taped or recorded. All results are final.
- 11. <u>ADJUDICATOR RESPONSIBILITIES</u> There will be no conversation about the auditions either while in the room if students are present, or outside of the room in the presence of others. Auditioners are not to interact with any of the students by sight. If there is any doubt about whether the auditioners might be able to see the students, they should adjust their position before auditions start. Auditioners will listen to the same excerpts and scales from each student.

ORCHESTRA ATTENDANCE POLICY - SEPARATE FOR EACH GROUP

- 1. Attendance is taken in the 15 minute window prior to the rehearsal start time.
- Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their seat at the rehearsal start time. Your first tardy will result in a verbal warning and the chair will notify the teacher of record.
- 3. Students will be removed from the ensemble if
 - a. They arrive more than 15 minutes after the rehearsal start time and/or
 - b. It is their second tardy.
- 4. This removal may be appealed to the WCSD Music Supervisor by the student's school teacher.
- 5. WCSD Honor and Festival Ensemble Rehearsal Attendance Emergency Procedure:
- a. In the event that a student will be late to a rehearsal for any reason beyond their control, that student must contact their ensemble chairperson.
- b. This contact must take place prior to the rehearsal start time.
- 6. The Ensemble Chair's time piece shall be considered the official clock of the ensemble for attendance purposes.
- 7. Students also participating in the WCSD High School Honor Choir will have an adjusted rehearsal schedule to be determined by the WCSD Fine Arts Supervisor.

As parent, student and director, we acknowledge awareness and acceptance of these rules and our willingness to comply with them. We understand and will abide by this Code of Conduct. This agreement must be signed by parent, student and director and submitted to the appropriate Ensemble hair in order for the student to participate in the auditions.

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Parent Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date	Director Signature	Date

2015 High School Honor Orchestra Audition/Rehearsal Schedule

Dr. Louis Bergonizi – University of Illinois - Guest Conductor Kenny Baker – WCSD SHO Chairperson, KDBaker@washoeschools.net

WCSD High School Honor Orchestra Audition Sign-Up Procedure (new as of Fall 2015)

- Student will sign up to audition with their orchestra director ONLY. No student is to contact the High School Honor Orchestra Chairperson directly for an audition time request
- 2) The student's teacher will submit the request to the HSHO Chairperson.
- 3) Students will be assigned in groups of 5 to a time slot for their audition.
- 4) Any student who does not submit their name for auditions by the due date will be heard on a first-come-first-served basis.

Monday, September 19

5:00 p.m. - Names of students auditioning due to chairperson for scheduling

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 a.m. - Audition block times released to directors.

Tuesday, September 27 – McQueen High School

TBD p.m. – High School Honor Orchestra Auditions

Wednesday, November 2 – McQueen High School

3:45 p.m. – Call time, students in their seats for announcements 4:00-6:30 p.m. - Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 9 – McOueen High School

 $3\!:\!45$ p.m. – Call time, students in their seats for announcements $4\!:\!00\text{-}6\!:\!30$ p.m. - Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 15 – McQueen High School

5:45 p.m. – Call time, students in their seats for announcements 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Rehearsal w/guest conductor

Wednesday, November 16 - Pioneer Center

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Rehearsal w/guest conductor

6:00 p.m. - Check-in with chairperson at Pioneer Center

6:30 p.m. – Concert Begins – Admission Price TBA

Times and locations may be subject to change, proper and timely notification will be given.

2015 WCSD Festival Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule

Prof. Valerie Palmieri – Adrian College - Guest Conductor Joel Munc – WCSD Festival Orchestra Chairperson, JMunc@washoeschools.net

Tuesday, September 27

Festival Orchestra Selected by WCSD High School Orchestra Directors

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Wednesday, November 9 – McQueen High School

3:45 p.m. – Call time, students in their seats for announcements 4:00-6:30 p.m. – Rehearsal and Reseating

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