



Tri-M Chapter Bylaws

Mission Viejo High School

- **Preamble**
- We, the members of the Mission Viejo 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, and 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:
- Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter#6933 at Mission Viejo High School.
- **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
 - Membership & Renewal Requirements
 - You must have been a member of the Vocal Music Program or Instrumental Music Program for at least one (1) semester
 - You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum cumulative Music GPA of 3.5
 - You must be currently participating in the Vocal or Instrumental Music Program
 - You must serve 15 hours minimum of community service within the school year (5 hr related directly to music)
 - You must attend all monthly schedule Tri-M meetings unless excused by the Chapter Advisor and Tri-M President
 - Graduation Cords will be issued to Tri-M members remaining active for 2 years and are active at the time of graduation



■ **Lapsed Membership**

- Members and their eligibility for Tri-M membership shall be reviewed on an annual basis to consider their continued participation in the Tri-M program.
- These reviews shall be done at the beginning or end of the school year, by Mrs. Norris. The review shall confirm the member's enrollment in a Mission Viejo High School 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.
- If a current member fails to attend a minimum 80% of all Tri-M functions including meetings and outside events, then their Tri-M membership will be suspended for the current school year.
- Should any member fail to maintain all Tri-M membership requirements for the duration of the current school year, then their eligibility for Tri-M awards including graduation cords and year pins will be forfeited.
- The chapter advisor shall determine when a lapsed member is reinstated based upon proof that membership criteria have once again been met.

■ **Dismissal**

- Dismissal is a permanent revocation of Tri-M membership without the option of reinstatement unless overturned by an appeal.
- Dismissal is warranted by flagrant violation of school rules or criminal law. A member may be dismissed without warning. A written documentation of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.
- Any member who is dismissed shall surrender all Tri-M insignia items to the chapter advisor. If the member paid for the membership insignia items, the chapter will reimburse the student for the original cost of the items.

■ **Dismissal Appeal**

- A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision. The principal of the school shall assign an impartial faculty committee of three or more to review the appeal. The same rules that would be used for a disciplinary appeal in the school district shall apply.



- **Alumni Membership**

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

- **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.

- **Chapter Status**

- Mission Viejo High School Tri-M Chapter#6933 must maintain a minimum 15 active members during each school year to be considered an active Tri-M chapter.
- Should the minimum number of active Tri-M members not be reached, the Tri-M membership of Chapter#6933 at Mission Viejo High School will be suspended and the future reassessed by the chapter advisor.

Article IV--- 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 at Mission Viejo High School. This chapter will have co-advisors appointed by the advisor to assist with chapter operations.

- **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 V--- Duties of the Executive Committee

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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 the social chairperson.

■ 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. The chapter advisor should make an audit of the treasurer's records at the end of each semester. The treasurer will also serve as membership chairperson.

■ 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; and be responsible for compiling the chapter's entry for Chapter of the Year.

Article VI--- Nominations and Election of Officers

- During a spring meeting, the president will appoint a nomination committee of three who will propose a slate of officers for the coming year and present it at the following meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The candidates will be elected by a majority ballot vote. New officers for the coming year will be installed before the close of the school year in which the election takes place.

Article VII--- Vacancies on the Executive Committee

- Vacancies occurring on the executive committee during the school year will be filled on a temporary basis with chapter members selected by the chapter advisor. Temporary executive committee assignments are valid only until the next meeting of the chapter, when an election will be held to fill such vacancies.

Article VIII--- 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 days designated by the executive committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

Section Three--- Frequency

- There will be at least 8 scheduled meetings of this chapter per year as determined by the chapter advisor.

Section Four--- Voting

- All members must 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.

■ **Section Six--- Meeting Decorum**

- Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (Perseus Publishing) in all points not expressly provided for in the Tri-M Program Guidelines or these chapter bylaws.

Article IX--- Awards Ceremony

- This chapter will hold 1 public awards ceremony each school year as in conjunction with the MVHS Choral Music Program and planning will be coordinated by the executive board. The ceremony will be held after school hours in conjunction with the choral music program; parents, friends, school officials, faculty members, and other students in the music department will be invited to attend.

Article X--- 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.

Article XI--- 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 Guidelines.
- Any member may submit minor revision drafts to the Executive Committee for consideration.
- A specifically 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 two-thirds affirmative vote by chapter membership and school administration approval for adoption.