

Oskaloosa Select Ensemble

Contract of Participation

2004-2005

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This program is designed to allow a limited number of students a variety of opportunities in music. To ensure each member of the ensemble the greatest chance for success, each member must make a formal commitment to the group and the director.

Article I Ensemble Name

The name of the ensemble is the Oskaloosa Select Ensemble.

Article II Purpose

The purposes of the ensemble shall be as follows:

Section 1: To provide advanced choral music (either classical or popular) to qualified students of Oskaloosa Elementary & Middle Schools.

Section 2: To provide opportunities to explore advanced music theory and history.

Section 3: To provide the opportunity for musical expression through public performance, thus developing poise, confidence, and communication skills.

Section 4: To make known and to promote the music department of Oskaloosa Public Schools.

Section 5: To provide positive music role models to the students of Oskaloosa Elementary School and USD 341.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Members in the Oskaloosa Select Ensemble must meet the following criteria.

- a. be an Oskaloosa Public School student in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade
- b. pass a vocal audition
- c. display good conduct at all times

Article III Membership (continued)

- Section 2: Members of the Oskaloosa Select Ensemble may be removed from the group only through procedures listed in Article VI.
- Section 3: Vacancies in the ensemble due to dismissal or change in residence shall be filled by audition or appointment at the music director's discretion.
- Section 4: Members are required to purchase a OSE shirt. The cost will be \$18.00. Please inform the director if special arrangements need to be made. Members will also need khaki pants, a brown belt, and brown shoes.

Article IV Rehearsal

- Section 1: Rehearsals for the ensemble will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 am. Students will be dismissed at 8:20 am.
- Section 2: Each member is expected to be at all rehearsals unless the absence is considered excused by the school office.

Article V Performance

- Section 1: All performances for the Oskaloosa Select Ensemble will be announced at least one week in advance.
- Section 2: Each member must attend all performances except in the cases of severe illness or death of a family member. In the event a member cannot perform, a parent must notify the school or the music director by telephone or note.
- Section 3: Performances dates will include, but not be limited to,
Thursday, December 14, 2003

Article VI Dismissal

- Section 1: Failure to meet the standards of this document could result in immediate dismissal from the ensemble.
- Section 2: More than three unexcused absences per semester will result in immediate dismissal from the ensemble. This includes absences due to late or missing homework.
- Section 3: Six absences from rehearsal per semester, whether excused or unexcused, will result in immediate dismissal from the ensemble.
- Section 4: Any member who is persistently tardy to practice, without reasonable cause, may be dismissed after the third occurrence.
- Section 5: Any member who does not display proper conduct in the classroom setting, rehearsals, or performances faces immediate dismissal at the music director's discretion.