

# Angleton High School Choir Department

Student/Parent  
Handbook

# 2023-2024



**Sing like nobody's listening!**

# ANGLETON CHOIR SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship provides opportunity for area businesses, patrons, and families to show support for the award-winning Angleton Choir and arts education. Your support contributes to the department as a whole to help provide our students with scholarships, attire, supplies, travel, and meals.

**We thank you for your generous support!**

## **\$500: GOLD**

1. Company or family name listed in Choir concert programs & on the Choir website
2. Student solo performance of the National Anthem at an event
3. 8 reserved seats for every Choir concert & awards ceremony
4. 8 reserved seats for Thanksgiving Dinner & first in line
5. 4 tickets to Princess & SuperHero Party

## **\$300: SILVER**

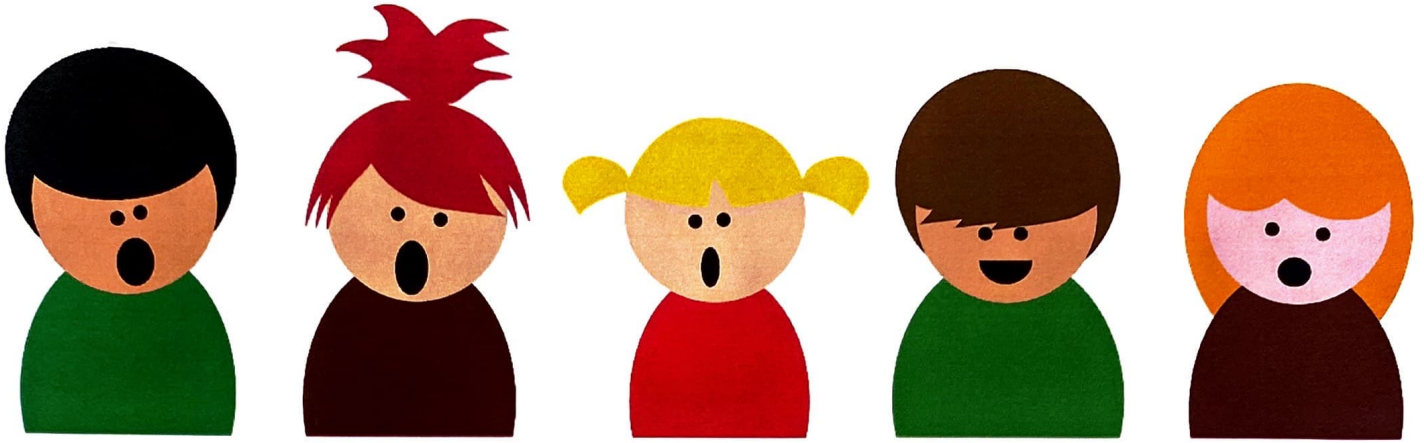
1. Company or family name listed in Choir concert programs & on the Choir website
2. 8 reserved seats for Thanksgiving Dinner & first in line
3. 4 tickets to Princess & SuperHero Party

## **\$100: BRONZE**

1. Company or family name listed in Choir concert programs & on the Choir website
2. 2 tickets to Princess & SuperHero Party

**To become a sponsor of Angleton Choir,  
please email Tony Stewart.**

**[tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net)**



Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to Angleton High School Choir! As a member of this organization, you will have the opportunity to sing in concerts, compete in contests, travel on trips, earn a letterman jacket, and learn skills that you will use for a lifetime. We look forward to an exciting, successful, and fun year of making music!

This AHS Choir Handbook contains important forms which must be completed and returned! Students are responsible for turning in Choir dues. Our due date for forms is August 25th and our due date for fees is September 29th. Please refer to the "Monetary Requirements for Choir" information for a breakdown of fees. All students are also required to sign up for REMIND – this will be our main method of communication regarding our busy calendar. Parents are also highly encouraged to sign up.

Please find the calendar of AHS CHOIR EVENTS on our website, [angletonchoir.com](http://angletonchoir.com). This is where you will find important Choir events scheduled for the entire school year as well as a daily slideshow of current reminders. We have a busy year planned... this means more opportunities for you! Those of you who are returning students will be a part of concerts and auditions that you have participated in before, but will also have the opportunity to experience new Choir events. LIVE BY THE CALENDAR. You will also receive regular updates through REMIND.

We travel often in Choir! Our booster club will provide ample opportunities to fundraise so everyone can travel with us (pending eligibility). I encourage you to participate in our fundraisers - not only are you raising money for our booster club to help you, you are also raising money specifically for you to participate in more Choir trips and experiences!

Parents, please get involved with the Booster Club when you can. Many of the events that we plan would be impossible without booster support. They do a fantastic job of raising money for the program and for your children. Your participation in activities and fundraisers not only benefits the Choir program, but also benefits your child specifically.

Thank you in advance for a great year. We work hard, but have a great time while we work. If you have questions, please email or call anytime. We look forward to many successes in the months to come.

Tony Stewart, Angleton ISD Supervisor of Choral Activities  
(979) 997-7258 [tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net)

Elaina Perez, AHS Associate Choir Director  
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# Choir Communication

## Remind Codes:

- Chorale - text @6hka4k3 to 81010
- Prelude - text @f9h97eg to 81010
- Bel Canto - text @7fd43a to 81010
- The Crescendos - text @h4eae66 to 81010
- Fortissimo – text @a9h2448 to 81010
- Choir Officers – text @e39gff9 to 81010
- Booster Club (parents) – text @8766922 to 81010

## Instagram:

- angletonchoir

## Facebook:

- Angleton High School Choir
- Angleton High School Choir Booster Club

## Website:

- [www.ingletonchoir.com](http://www.ingletonchoir.com)

## Office Phone Number:

- 979-997-7258

## Email:

- Tony Stewart – [tonys@ingletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@ingletonisd.net)
- Elaina Perez – [eperez@ingletonisd.net](mailto:eperez@ingletonisd.net)

# **Choir Bell Schedule**

**Planning Period – 8:05-8:50**

**Chorale – 8:55-9:40**

**Prelude – 9:45-10:30**

**Acceleration Period – 10:30-11:05**

**Bel Canto – 11:10-11:55**

**Lunch Time – 11:55-1:30**

**The Crescendos – 1:30-2:15**

**Fortissimo – 2:20-3:05**

**Piano Class – 3:10-3:55**

# Requirements for Choir

## **Monetary Requirement - \$25**

Student members of AHS are expected to pay a \$25 Choir fee. This fee goes towards the expenses of your uniform dry cleaning, Choir t-shirt, and various other needed classroom supplies. If the deadline for Choir dues is problematic for your family, the Booster Club will offer payment plans and/or scholarships for the required fees. Please email [tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net) if you have questions. CHECKS SHOULD ALWAYS BE MADE PAYABLE TO: **AHS CHOIR BOOSTER CLUB**

**FEES ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.**

## **Uniform Policy – Uniform Attire as required for formal performances**

- Student dress for formal concerts is “Concert Black”. All clothing items must be solid black, including dress shirts, blouses, and ties.
- Students choosing to wear dress pants and shirts may check out these items from the AHS Choir inventory, or may choose to wear their own personal items. AHS Choir has black button up dress shirts, and black tux pants and jackets available.
- Students choosing to wear a dress MUST check out a Choir Concert dress from the AHS Choir inventory. (Spanx are encouraged to be worn by all.)
- All students must wear black closed toe formal shoes.
- All students must wear either black socks or black tights/hose.
- Acceptable uniform pieces include: black dress pants, black long sleeve button up shirts, black dress blouses, black suit jacket or blazer, black tie or bowtie, black AHS Choir dress.
- Uniformity and professionalism must be the priority of all. Directors will reassign uniforms to students whose dress is deemed in any way inappropriate or distracting from the performance.
- Guidelines for the above: no sleeveless garments, no sheer garments, no polo shirts, no denim or leggings, avoid cleavage and visible bra straps, no eye-catching jewelry, no stilettos or open toe shoes, no white or accent colors.
- All students who choose to check out uniform items must do so before the determined deadline. Any alterations to AHS uniform pieces must be temporary.

# AHS CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

Every student must be ready with a pencil, binder with all music, and in their assigned spot when the bell rings for class to start every day. Our goal is to always begin learning together. If you are not in the classroom with the needed supplies (pencil/music) and in your spot, you are considered tardy. NO exceptions!!!

Water is the only food/drink allowed during class. No cell phones should ever be out unless the student has been given specific permission from Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Perez. Students that choose to disturb class will be given the following consequences:

(1) classroom detention, (2) call/email to parent, (3) office write up

Raise your hand to ask a question. Teamwork is encouraged, but talking in your section is almost always not appropriate.

Students are expected to behave in a mature and dignified manner in class, at extra rehearsals, and performances. By being in Choir, you are representing our program – people are watching how you act. Attentiveness is expected from students towards the person in charge at the moment – whether it be the director, substitute, student officer, or visiting guest. Rudeness will not be tolerated!

Students are expected to maintain good posture and a POSITIVE, industrious attitude during rehearsals. Sitting on the risers is only allowed with prior permission from Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Perez.

Habitually leaving the choir room for personal reasons (restrooms, drinks, etc.) is not acceptable. Students will be given three hall passes per grading period that he/she may use at their discretion. Remember: the educational time missed from rehearsal realistically cannot be made up.

Chairs and supplies are purposefully placed for the success and safety of all in our room. Do not move chairs around. Put supplies back where you found them.

Class will end upon dismissal by the director and not when the bell rings.

## General Guidelines:

1. Feel free to do anything that does not cause a problem for anyone else.
2. Teaching will happen when there are no distractions or other problems.
3. Students who raise their hand will be acknowledged.
4. The director will listen to one person at a time.
5. Please treat your director with the same respect you are shown.
6. If someone causes a problem, something will be done.
7. The action of the director will depend on what happened and what the person is willing to do to solve the problem.

# CHOIR GRADING POLICY

There are three areas graded in Choir:

## **1. Participation and Effort**

Students will be given a weekly grade for their participation, attitude, and effort in class. This will be assessed daily by Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Pere

## **2. Sight Reading**

There will normally be one or two sight-reading assignments each week.

Many of these evaluations will be assessed during class as a group during daily sight-singing practice. Other opportunities for graded sight-reading successes will be Sight Reading Factory assignments and written sight-reading speed drills.

## **3. Performance Attendance**

Performance is an integral part of the culmination of Choral success; therefore a large part of grades will be determined by attendance and punctuality at performances. Students should consider each performance equal to a nine weeks exam - all performances are test grades. Most performances will also have a test grade for the dress rehearsal.



# **Concert Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory at all concerts, performances, and dress rehearsals. The Choir schedule of events is prepared well in advance (all major performances are scheduled before school even begins) to give ample time to arrange work schedules, driver's ed., transportation, etc. Work is never an excuse to miss a performance – do not ask to be the exception to this rule.

Students are expected to keep a schedule of all school events (from all activities in which you participate). If there is a conflict in your schedule with another activity, notify Mr. Stewart immediately. All teachers/coaches at Angleton High School make every effort to share students' time so that students are not forced to make a choice of one activity over another. A Choir performance takes priority over a practice of another activity.

# **Concert Etiquette**

Clapping is the appropriate way to show appreciation for the performance rather than whistling or cheering.

Restless or fussy children should be taken to the lobby outside of the auditorium.

If it is completely necessary to leave the auditorium during a concert, enter/exit the auditorium quietly and only between songs (during the applause). Audience members should never be moving around during songs as it distracts performers and other audience members.

It is impolite to talk or even whisper while music is being performed.

It is against auditorium rules to eat or drink in the house (audience area).

Make certain that all cell phones and devices are turned to silent during performances. Sometimes it is appropriate to take pictures or videos, but flash photography is never acceptable.

Do not place your feet on or kick the seat in front of you.

# Letterman Jacket Policy for Choir

- Be in Choir (earn points each year enrolled) - 3 Points
- Be a member of Show Choir (earn points each year enrolled) – 3 Points
- Be in Piano Class (earn points each year enrolled) – 2 Points
- Be in Choir with THREE previous years enrolled in high school Choir (must be a senior) – 9 Points
- Be a Choir Officer – 2 Points
- Make TMEA District Choir – 3 Points
- Make TMEA Region Mixed Choir – 3 Points
- Be a Pre-Area Candidate – 4 Points
- Be an All-State Member – 6 Points
- Participate in Solo & Ensemble Contest – 1 Point
- Receive a Superior Rating at Solo & Ensemble – 3 Points
- Participate in schoolwide musical – 2 Points

You need 18 points total to letter in Choir. If you qualify, please let Mr. Stewart know and we will arrange to have you fitted for your jacket on the next available date.

# Academic Eligibility

All Choir students are responsible for maintaining acceptable academic standards. Eligibility rules for participation are as follows:

- Please note that throughout the year, curriculum-based performances (Fall Pop Concert, Christmas Concert, UIL Concerts, Broadway Show) that are a performance grade for the Choir do NOT require eligibility to participate. All students must perform on these concerts as part of their Choir grade.
- At the end of the first six weeks and at the end of every nine weeks, students with a failing grade in any class (69 or below) will become academically ineligible and may not participate in many activities (this would include all auditions and any performance or trip off campus).
- Every three weeks, an ineligible student may regain eligibility by passing ALL subjects. S/he will be eligible to participate in choir activities following a one-week grace period. If s/he is failing any course, the student will continue to be ineligible for the next three weeks.
- Please note that, with the exception of the second progress report of the year (given out at the six-week mark), a student can only LOSE eligibility from Report Cards. A student who passes everything on a report card stays eligible for the next 9 weeks regardless of any progress report grades. A student cannot lose eligibility based on a progress report grade, but failing a class on a progress report can keep a student ineligible.
- Singers in Chorale and the Crescendos must maintain their eligibility status throughout the year. Any student in this group who becomes ineligible may be put on probation. Also, the director reserves the right to move the student to an alternate Choir, thus allowing the student more time to focus on their academic needs.
- It is possible that during the school year, a student may fail an advanced placement course, but meets the requirements listed in the AISD Student/Parent Handbook to complete an eligibility waiver. In this case, an eligibility waiver will be granted.
- Some non-UIL events require eligibility due to Texas Education Agency rules. These include but are not limited to any event that charges admission, any competition, and any event/performance that requires travel off campus. All ineligible students will participate in any event where it is legal to do so.

# A Note from Your President:

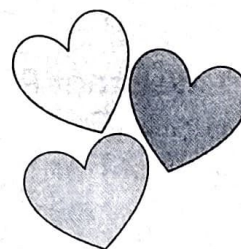
Hi everyone! My name is Torin Merchant and for the year 2023-2024, I will be your Choir President! I am so excited and grateful to be fulfilling this position! I am a senior and I have been in choir since my 7th grade year. A few things that you should know about me are that I am a twin sister, my favorite TV show is Jane the Virgin, my favorite movies are the Divergent series, and my favorite composer is Eric Whitacre! I am absolutely thrilled to be your President! I cannot wait to meet and work with you all! I will be there and present in your choir class and at fun choir events! Let's get this year of success started!

This year, your experience in choir will truly be something special! There will be socials which are the most fun choir events ever!! There will be competitions like the TMEA All-State Process, Solo and Ensemble, UIL, and trips! And even though these are competitions, it is all about the fun you have and the excitement it brings! Along with all of the socials and competitions, we will also have concerts! We have Christmas Concerts, Pop Shows, Broadway Shows (which are my favorite), AND MORE!! The best thing about these concerts are the songs, dances, and being able to dress up accordingly! The coolest thing about these concerts is being able to perform in front of an audience that truly cares about the work you do!

Being in this community called choir is truly something that I will always cherish and I hope that you will also cherish the moments you will get to experience! The choir room is full of support and people who want to see you succeed! The students are great and our directors are kind and welcoming! This place is a home and we are all a huge family! I embolden you to take a leap into the unknown and participate in absolutely everything this year! I am your friend always and forever, so feel free to reach out to me WHENEVER! I hope to guide you all to be someone that you are proud of! I cannot wait to meet you all and get our wonderful year started! :)

With love and grace,  
Torin Merchant (23-24 Choir President)

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# 2023-2024 Choir Officers

President – Torin Merchant

Vice President of Membership – Rachel Courson

Vice President of Events – Andrew Pardue

Secretary – Noah Grant

Events Coordinator – Hayden Harmon

Chaplains – Suannia Heard & Isabelle Trevino

Librarian – Ana Davila

Assistant Librarian – Arianna Carrillo

Dance Captain – Rayven Peterson

Assistant Dance Captain – Fermina Ramirez

Freshman Liaison – Jackson Remmers

Assistant Freshman Liaison – Audrey Cardona

Fortissimo Representative – TBD

Prelude Representative – TBD

Bel Canto Representative – TBD

Leadership Assistant Panel: Alejandra Avalos, Loki Baranowski, Toby Bosquez, Brenna Campos, Razz Capps, Ethan Clarke, Liberty Flewellen, Andrew Fontenot, Gage Gurka, Andrea Olivarez, Ivy Rackley, Abigail Rocha, Dannya Tanguma

# **Choir Socials**

**August 1st - Fish Camp**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Meet & Greet**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> - Mafia Competition**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Dinner**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Celebration**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - Field Day**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> - Bowling Alley Trip**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> - Karaoke Social**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> - Banquet/Dance Party**

# Which Ensembles are you in???

Ensemble Name:	Who's In It???	What Does It Mean?
Chorale	Varsity Mixed	Choir
Prelude	Non-Varsity Treble	Introductory Song
Fortissimo	Intermediate Tenor/Bass	Very Loud
Bel Canto	Intermediate Treble	Beautiful Singing
The Crescendos	Show Choir	Getting Louder
Bella Voce	Varsity Treble	Beautiful Voice
Cantus Firmus	Varsity Tenor/Bass	Fixed Melody
Jazzagals	Show Choir Treble	Jazzy Girls
Sforzandos	Show Choir Tenor/Bass	Sudden Emphasis
Dulcissima	Combined Non-Varsity & Intermediate Treble	Sweet Sounding
Intermezzo	Combined Intermediate Treble & Tenor/Bass	Interlude
Divertimento	Combined All Intermediate & Non-Varsity	Entertaining
Cantabile	Combined All Treble	In a Singing Style
Con Brio	Combined All Tenor/Bass	With Spirit
Tutti Cantando	Combined All Singers	All singing

# ANGLETON CHOIR TIME



- 1 SCREEN PRINTED 55\$4 \$48.50 PURPLE/WHITE HEATHER FLEECE HOODIE
- 2 SCREEN PRINTED PC78H \$37 TEAM PURPLE FLEECE HOODIE
- 3 EMBROIDERED J317 \$59.50 MEN'S BLACK SOFT SHELL JACKETS ADD PERSONALIZATION -\$5
- 4 EMBROIDERED L317 \$59.50 WOMEN'S BLACK SOFT SHELL JACKETS ADD PERSONALIZATION -\$5
- 5 EMBROIDERED ST655 \$37 MEN'S PURPLE/WHITE DRY FIT POLO
- 6 EMBROIDERED L1655 \$37 WOMEN'S PURPLE/WHITE DRY FIT POLO
- 7 SCREEN PRINTED NL6051 \$22.50 UNISEX PURPLE/HEATHER WHITE RAGLAN
- 8 SCREEN PRINTED NW3002 \$20 WOMEN'S PURPLE /S DRY FIT TEE
- 9 SCREEN PRINTED N3165 \$20 MEN'S PURPLE /S DRY FIT TEE
- 10 SUBLIMATED 421000 \$27 BLACK DRY FIT TEE
- 11 EMBROIDERED VC300R \$20 BLACK CLASSIC DAD CAP
- 12 SCREEN PRINTED 229762 \$47 WOMEN'S BLACK JOGGER PANT
- 13 SCREEN PRINTED 229562 \$47 MEN'S BLACK JOGGER PANT
- 14 SUBLIMATED \$13 FULL COLOR DECAL CAR STICKER

NOTE: ALL SIZES 2XL & ABOVE WILL INCREASE -\$2 FOR 2XL, -\$3 FOR 3XL, -\$4 FOR 4XL, ETC ON ALL ITEMS. -\$5 ON ALL OPTIONAL PERSONALIZATION



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# Voice Lessons

Angleton High School Choir students have the opportunity to work individually with a skilled voice teacher. Lessons will cover musical technique, All-State music, Solo & Ensemble music, and other solo repertoire. Prices of private lessons are determined by the instructor. Payment schedules may be discussed with the voice teacher.

Please return this form if you would like more information about voice lessons!!  
One of our voice teachers will contact you directly.

Student Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Number - \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Email [tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net)

## CHOIR BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The Choir Booster Club invites you and your family to join in making a difference in our students performing arts education. Our mission is to help provide the best experience for all the students, and we cannot do it without you! You do not need to be a choir student parent to join. Family members, friends, or anyone who just loves our Choirs may become a booster club member!

**Annual membership is only \$10.00 per family**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 in the choir room, unless notified of a change in venue or time. Dates for this year are as follows:

Aug. 14      Sept. 11      Oct. 9      Nov. 13      Dec. 11      Jan. 8  
Feb. 12      Mar. 4      Apr. 8      May 13

Anne Smith – Choir Booster President 2023-2024

[alsteach@hotmail.com](mailto:alsteach@hotmail.com)

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### Membership Form

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>	

**Please list all students that are currently part of our Angleton High School Choir Program**

<b>Student name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>choir</b>

# AHS Choir/Piano Student Information Sheet

Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School – Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

Student Cell Number - \_\_\_\_\_

Student School ID Number - \_\_\_\_\_

Choir/Piano Class Period(s) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

Choir Voice Part - Bass    Tenor    Alto    Soprano

Other School Organizations - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Employer - \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday - \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color - \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Candy - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Number - \_\_\_\_\_

# ANGLETON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

## TRAVEL PERMISSION AGREEMENT

I give my permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to travel on school provided transportation with the Angleton High School Choir on all Choir activities for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Should a simple problem arise, we grant the trip sponsors the authority to administer simple medication or see that professional care be administered. Parents will be consulted on any major medical emergencies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

Parent Cell Number - \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT HANDBOOK COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

This form verifies that the Angleton High School Choir Handbook as posted on the Angleton Choir website has been read by the undersigned and the student understands and is in agreement with the rules and standards stated in the document.

I have carefully read the AHS Choir Handbook and understand the rules stated therein. My signature signifies my willingness to comply with obligations required by this organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

Student Cell Number - \_\_\_\_\_