**AMES CHILDREN’S CHOIRS**

**Preparatory Choir Policies and Procedures for 2019-2020**

**My responsibility to the Preparatory Choir:**

* I will do everything I can to make each rehearsal a success. I know that I was chosen because I have a special voice and a unique talent to contribute to the choir and the more I contribute, the better the choir will be.
* I will respect all people and properties, which are associated with the Ames Children’s Choirs (ACC). I will maintain a professional attitude and be a **positive representative** of the ACC program.
* I will use rest room **before** the rehearsal begins.
* I will be in the hallway and ready to be invited into the rehearsal space **five minutes** before rehearsal begins.
* I will give the conductor my strict attention. **While rehearsing music I will not talk with or distract my neighbor, and I will not use a cell phone.**  Any singer who disrupts the choir excessively will be subject to dismissal from the program.
* I will take care of and bring my music folder, which includes **one sharpened pencil** to each rehearsal and will only mark on my music at the request of the conductor. I am financially responsible for any music that is damaged or lost and will pay a minimum of $5.00 for each lost/damaged octavo.
* I will do my choir homework as assigned.
* I may bring a labeled water bottle (water only) to rehearsal and will not eat or chew gum during rehearsals and concerts.
* I will help return the rehearsal area to its proper order at the end of rehearsal, if needed.

* I will attend all rehearsals and concerts that do not conflict with outside rehearsals and concerts. When another activity conflicts with ACC, I will work to find a compromise that benefits both organizations. I will email ACC or call/text the ACC phone (**290-1422**) to report any absence, preferably before the absence (emergencies excepted).
* I will take care of my concert attire and be dressed appropriately for every concert.
* According to the ACC Handbook, I understand that if I have more than three unexcused absences/semester I am subject to dismissal from the program.
* I will **commit to the choir for the entire year** and will participate in all rehearsals, retreats, and performances.

I pledge to accept and follow these rehearsal/concert rules.

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Singer’s Signature Parent’s Signature Date

**This pledge is due July 30 along with your ACC tuition payment. Please return payment and registration forms to: Ames Children’s Choirs, P.O. Box 1965, Ames, IA 50010**