

## WEST VIRGINIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION POLICY STATEMENT:

### FEMALE TENORS/BASSES

In an effort to increase vocal health awareness the WVMA believes that allowing adolescent females to sing exclusively in the lower vocal register may inhibit the development of the upper vocal register and in some cases, cause physical damage. Therefore, the West Virginia Music Educators Association strongly recommends that female singers audition as soprano or alto singers for WVMEA All State Chorus festivals. However, if a female wishes to audition as a tenor or bass, she does so at her own risk. A consent form relieving the West Virginia Music Educators Association of liability must be signed by the student's parent or legal guardian.

Please complete this form for ANY female singer not auditioning on Soprano or Alto, and return it to the audition host on or before the day of the Chorus acceptance auditions.

#### Release form for Female Singers who Choose to Audition as Tenors/Basses

I hereby give permission for my daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ to audition as a tenor/bass  
(print full name)

For the WVMEA region # \_\_\_ All State Chorus Festival. I assume all risk of and financial responsibility for any injury to my daughter's vocal mechanism that may occur as a result of her participation in this activity. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless in perpetuity to West Virginia Music Educators Association and its officers, agents, and employees for any developmental or physical problem or injury that may result to my daughter's vocal mechanism from her participation in this activity.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ WVMEA Region # \_\_\_\_\_

For the School Choral Director: I endorse the student named above for auditioning as a female tenor or bass.

Signature of the Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Director: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: If a student participates in a WVMEA choral festival on a non-traditional voice part, verification that this is the normal vocal assignment of the student must be signed by the director and principal and included with this release form as per by laws. Approved for use, July 2015