

**WEST VIRGINIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION POLICY STATEMENT:**

**MALE ALTOS/SOPRANOS**

In an effort to increase vocal health awareness the WVMA believes that allowing adolescent males to sing exclusively in the upper vocal register may inhibit the development of the lower vocal register and in some cases, cause physical damage. Therefore, the West Virginia Music Educators Association strongly recommends that male singers audition as tenor or bass singers for WVMEA All State Chorus festivals. However, if a male wishes to audition as an alto or soprano, he does so at his 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 male singer not auditioning on Tenor or Bass, and return it to the audition host on or before the day of the Chorus acceptance auditions.

**Release form for Male Singers who Choose to Audition as Altos/Sopranos**

I hereby give permission for my son: \_\_\_\_\_ to audition as an alto/soprano  
(print full name)

For the WVMEA region # \_\_\_ All State Chorus Festival. I assume all risk of and financial responsibility for any injury to my son's vocal mechanism that may occur as a result of his 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 son's vocal mechanism from his 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 male alto or soprano.

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