

## **Preamble**

We, the members of the Algonquin Regional High School music department, in an effort to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, and promote leadership in the music students of our school, accept these bylaws for the establishment and operation of our Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter.

## **Article I—Chapter Name and Location**

The name of this chapter will be known as:

Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 2137 at Algonquin Regional High School

## **Article II—Division**

This chapter will be a Senior chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Members will be Senior division members of Tri-M.

## **Article III—Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter will be to:

- Provide an appropriate method for recognizing the musical achievements of our members
- Strengthen our school's music program
- Help our members reach their full musical potential
- Motivate and recognize our members' musical and personal achievements, credits, and grades
- Encourage our members to work together toward the same goal
- Inspire and challenge our members
- Focus public attention on our school's music program through community service

## **Article IV—Active Membership**

Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen by a faculty committee made up of any number of faculty members as appointed by the faculty advisor. Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen from those students enrolled in the music department at Algonquin. Candidates, at the time of their selection, shall meet the following requirements:

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

### A. General

- They must have enrolled in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester of the current school year at Algonquin
- They must exhibit leadership, service, and character in their activities while at Algonquin
- They must have maintained for the previous semester at least a B average grade or equivalent in music with at least a C average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects. A student will be put on academic probation if his/her grades fall below these averages.

### B. Tri-M Dues

- The fees are \$10 for returning members in good standing (i.e. those who paid their dues the previous year) and \$15 for new members and returning members not in good standing (i.e. did not pay dues from last year).
- Dues *must* be paid by the date one week before the current year's Tri-M Induction.

### C. Attendance

- Attendance to all meetings is mandatory; meetings are regularly scheduled on a biweekly basis.
- Two unexcused absences will result in a letter of probation being sent home that will warn the student of his/her missed meetings.
- A third absence or more will result in the revocation of Tri-M membership.

### D. Service

- Performing a minimum of three music-related volunteer activities (sponsored or endorsed by Tri-M) is a requirement for every member over the course of the year.