

MUSICIAN OF DISTINCTION

Contract

I, _____, choose to accept the challenge of becoming a **Musician of Distinction**. I will complete the requirements listed below throughout my 8th grade year.

- ❖ Build a portfolio containing copies of the evidence/artifacts of meeting the below criterion.
- ❖ Be a member in “good standing” of an honor ensemble.
- ❖ Consistently perform Technique Class assignments at an exemplary level, attending technique classes, communicating excused absences, and completing all make-up work in a timely manner. (Band and Orchestra)
- ❖ Achieve and maintain a grade of an “A” for each quarter.
- ❖ Consistently display good character in all classes, such as being prepared, organized, and respectful.
- ❖ Perform at the Solo & Ensemble Festival. (Instrumental students are required to perform a solo.)
- ❖ Take private lessons on your instrument. (Band and Orchestra)
- ❖ Mentor a 6th grade student in band, orchestra, or chorus.
- ❖ Attend at least one live performance at a District 204 High School this year.
- ❖ Attend at least one live performance by a professional, community or collegiate ensemble. (Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Civic Orchestra, a musical downtown, DuPage Symphony Orchestra, Wheaton Community Band, etc.)
- ❖ Share time and talents with others by performing in the community. (nursing home, coffee house, church, elementary school, Honor Recital, etc.)
- ❖ Volunteer at least three times during the year to help with organizational jobs in the band, orchestra, or chorus room. (music sorting/filing, cleaning instruments, etc.)
- ❖ Volunteer to help with concert set-up and/or tear-down at least two times.
- ❖ Meet with your director at the end of the year to share your portfolio and reflections.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date