

Constitution  
Tri-M Music Honor Society  
Chapter 764

**Preamble**

We, the members of the Marple Newtown 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

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**Article I – Chapter Name and Location**

The name of this chapter will be known as: Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter 764 at Marple Newtown High School.

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**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.

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**Article III – Purpose**

The Purpose of this chapter will be to:

- Provide an appropriate method for recognizing the musical achievements of our member
  - 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
  - Present inspiration and challenge to our members
  - Focus public attention on our school’s music program through community service
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**Article IV – General Powers**

The Tri-M chapter participations are limited to the powers vested to them by NafME, the Tri-M Program Guidelines, and these bylaws.

In any matter not provided for in the Tri-M Program Guidelines, these chapter bylaws, or by local state, or federal law, Tri-M Chapter 764 at Marple Newtown High School will act by majority vote of those present at any annual, regular, or special meeting.

As a program of Marple Newtown High School, this Tri-M chapter understands that the principal and school administration have the power to veto any local Tri-M decisions.

Only NafME has the power to amend or revise the Tri-M program Guidelines.

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## **Article V – Membership**

### **Section One – Membership Classes**

Members shall be Active, Alumni, or Honorary.

### **Section Two – Active Membership**

#### **A. Requirements**

Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen by the chapter advisor(s). Candidates for active student membership shall be chosen from those students enrolled in the music department at Marple Newtown High School. Candidates, at the time of their selection, shall meet the following requirements:

- They must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in the current school year.
- They must have enrolled in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester the current school year at Marple Newtown High School;
- They must have a minimum of 8 points in music activities.
- They must exhibit leadership, service, and character in their activities while at Marple Newtown High School; and
- They must have maintained for the previous semester at least a 93 average grade or equivalent in music with at least an 85 average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.
- They must have a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer music service.

#### **B. Public Notice**

A written description of the selection procedure shall be made available to all music students and their parents prior to candidate consideration. The selection procedure shall be consistent with articles of the Tri-M Program Guidelines.

#### **C. Once Inducted**

In order to maintain an active status in Tri-M, all students must attend monthly meetings, enroll in at least one music class per school year, earn a minimum of 40 music volunteer hours, retain the minimum music GPA of 93 and collective GPA of 85 and be of good character. All members of Tri M Music Honor Society Chapter 764 are required to submit the renewal application yearly and attend the Induction Ceremony and Tea each spring.

#### **D. Lapsed Membership**

Members and their eligibility for Tri-M membership shall be reviewed on an annual basis to consider their continued participation in the Tri-M program.

These reviews shall be done during third quarter, by the advisor(s). The review shall confirm the member's enrollment in a Marple Newtown High School music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester of the current school year and that the member has maintained for the grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.

If a current member does not or cannot meet the academic or music criteria necessary to be considered a Tri-M member, his or her membership will lapse in good standing until the music and academic criteria are once again met.

The chapter advisor shall determine when a lapsed member is reinstated based upon proof that membership criteria have once again been met.

### **E. Dismissal**

Dismissal is a permanent revocation of Tri-M membership without the option of reinstatement unless overturned by an appeal.

Dismissal is warranted by flagrant violation of school rules or criminal law. A member may be dismissed without warning. A written documentation of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Any member who is dismissed shall surrender all Tri-M insignia items to the chapter advisor. If the member paid for the membership insignia items, the chapter will reimburse the student for the original cost of the items.

### **F. Dismissal Appeal**

A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision. The principal of the school shall assign an impartial faculty committee of three or more to review the appeal. The same rules that would be used for a disciplinary appeal in the school district shall apply.

### **Section Three – Alumni Membership**

Upon graduation, active members shall become alumni members. Alumni members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

### **Section Four – Honorary Membership**

The chapter advisor may award honorary memberships in recognition of achievements and/or outstanding service rendered to the chapter in keeping with the purpose of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Honorary membership may be awarded to guest clinicians, school officials, principals, teachers, Tri-M advisors, adults, or students with disabilities who are unable to fully meet the active member criteria. Other students are not eligible for honorary membership. Honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

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## **Article VI – Executive Committee**

### **Section One – Committee Members**

The executive committee of this chapter will consist of a chapter advisor and student officers.

### **Section Two – Chapter Advisor**

The chapter advisor of this chapter shall be on faculty in the music department at Marple Newtown High School. This chapter will have co-advisors appointed by the advisor to assist with chapter operations.

### **Section Three – Student Officers**

The student officers of this chapter will include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

### **Section Four – Quorum Requirement**

A majority of the officers and the chapter advisor constitutes a quorum.

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## **Article VII – Duties of the Executive Committee**

### **Section One – Chapter Advisor**

The Advisor(s) of this chapter will act as supervisor, guide, and counselor in all matters pertaining to chapter operations. An advisor will attend all executive committee and chapter meetings and will help officers fulfill their respective duties, including maintaining chapter records and submitting chapter fees with the proper forms.

### **Section Two – President**

The chapter president will lead the members toward the attainment of the goals of this chapter and of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The president will preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the executive committee. The president and the other officers will conduct the induction ceremony for new members and will hold an election to appoint new officers to preside the following year.

### **Section Three – Vice President**

The vice president of this chapter will preside at all meetings of the chapter in the absence of the president, and it will be his or her duty to assist the president. If programs, special projects, or activities are planned in addition to the membership presentation ceremony, the vice president will also serve as program chairperson.

### **Section Four – Secretary**

The secretary of this chapter will be responsible for all correspondence of the chapter and will keep an accurate record of attendance, minutes, and all transactions and meetings of the chapter. The secretary will also serve as social chairperson.

### **Section Five – Treasurer/Event Coordinator**

The treasurer/event coordinator of this chapter will keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed, any membership fees paid to the honor society (if any), and all membership pin emblems, cards, certificates, and insignia items secured from the national office. He/she will report at each meeting the receipts, disbursements, and cash balance on hand. The chapter advisor should make an audit of the treasurer's records at the end of each semester. He/she will also serve as membership chairperson.

### **Section Six – Historian**

The chapter historian shall keep a comprehensive record of all programs presented by the chapter and its members, including pictures and news clippings; serve as publicity chairperson; and be responsible for compiling the chapter's entry for Chapter of the Year.

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## **Article VIII – Nomination and Election of Officers**

During a spring meeting, the executive committee will propose a slate of officers for the coming year and present it at the following meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The candidates will be elected by a majority ballot vote. New officers for the coming year will be installed before the close of the school year in which the election takes place.

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## **Article IX – Vacancies on the Executive Committee**

Vacancies occurring on the executive committee during the school year will be filled on temporary basis with chapter members selected by the chapter advisor. Temporary executive committee assignments are valid only until the next meeting of the chapter, when an election will be held to fill such vacancies.

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## **Article X – Meetings**

### **Section One- Planning**

The executive committee will meet in advance to outline scheduled meetings.

### **Section Two – Times**

Regular meetings during the school year shall be on days designated by the executive committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

### **Section Three – Frequency**

There will be at least 5 scheduled meetings of this chapter per year as determined by the chapter advisor(s).

### **Section Four – Voting**

All members may attend scheduled meetings. No meeting may be held unless a chapter advisor is present. Only the chapter advisor(s) and active student members have a voice or vote in chapter affairs.

### **Section Five – Special Meetings**

This chapter president or other designated student leader may call special meetings approved by the executive committee.

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## **Article XI – Induction Ceremony**

This chapter will hold at least 1 public induction ceremony each school year as planned by the executive committee. All induction ceremonies will be held after school hours with parents, friends, school officials, faculty members, and other students in the music department invited.

## **Article XII – Bylaw Ratification**

Bylaws must be approved by the chapter advisor(s) and school administration and receive a majority vote from chapter members to be ratified as law of the organization.

## **Article XIII – Amendments**

The chapter shall regularly review these bylaws and amend or revise them if they not meet the current needs of the chapter. Any amendment or revision must be consistent with the Tri-M Program Guidelines.

Any member may submit minor revision drafts to the Executive Committee for consideration.

A specially appointed bylaws revision committee shall draft major revisions or complete bylaw rewrites.

Revision proposal must be passed by an Executive Committee majority vote to be presented to the chapter membership for a vote.

When the Executive Committee passes a revision proposal with a majority vote, that revision proposal shall be presented to the chapter in written form prior to a chapter vote for adoption as chapter law. Proposed amendments or revisions require a two-thirds affirmative vote by chapter membership and school administration approval for adoption.