

# Doxa Youth Choir

## Guideline Fact Sheet

**Present** – please be at all the rehearsals you can, and all the ministry commitments. I know that theatre, athletics, and school commitments will probably have you going in several different directions, but this ministry is worthy of priority, too.

**Punctual** – please be at rehearsals and ministry commitments five minutes early.

**Positive** – please be positive about others around you, about the music, about yourself, and about our ministry. Complaining or talking badly to or about another person creates a negative atmosphere that's unnecessary. If you have any concerns, please know that I want to hear about them. Feel free to come to me in private, or with another choir member if you are unhappy about something.

**Prayerful** – please pray about our ministry together and for other members of the choir. We can't do it on our own. We need God to help us. We value prayer as an important part of our rehearsal and ministry times. These group prayer times aren't optional, and are to be respected.

**Prepared** – Please do all you can do to keep up. That means if you miss a rehearsal, check in with another choir member or me to see if you've missed anything. I send out frequent emails with announcements, please read them to make sure you know what's going on. I am available to help you learn the songs, too; we can set up one-on-one or group rehearsals if you want. We will sing most music memorized this year.

**Participating** – Participation includes:

- singing when it's time to sing
- paying attention in rehearsal
- listening to the director and other leaders as instruction is given
- receiving and implementing the directions given
- acting with maturity during rehearsal and ministry events

This is a *choir ministry*. Many voices joining as one makes a great choir. Everyone needs to give 100%.

### Dress Guidelines

So far, we do not have a uniform. This may change, but I also appreciate seeing everyone's personality in the way that they dress. In order to make sure that clothing is appropriate, I ask the following for any ministry time:

**Modest** – Girls, please do not wear low-cut tops or short skirts (or dresses). Please do not wear super low-rise jeans, shorts, pants, or skirts. I know it is often challenging to find modest and good looking clothes – but they are out there!

**Neat** – Looking sloppy can communicate an “I don't care” attitude that you don't intend.

**FACEBOOK** – If you (parent or student) are on facebook, please join “Youth Choir @ First UMC”. I will try to have info up there, too.

## GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

Student:

I have read all the guidelines.

- I agree to observe all of them, to the best of my ability.
- I understand that when I don't observe them, I may be corrected by the director or other leaders.
- I will check my email for announcements and other pertinent information from Andrew.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (cell? Y or N)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a cell phone, is it OK to receive texts? Y or N

Parent:

I have read all the guidelines.

- I agree that my student should observe them, and I will encourage him or her to do so.
- I understand that my student may be asked to leave the choir, based on his or her behavior.
- I will check email regularly (at least weekly) for announcements and other pertinent information from Andrew.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_