

**SOMERSET INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARIACHI PROGRAM HANDBOOK
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MARIACHI STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Must be present in class and make an effort not to be absent.
2. Be respectful to others at school and when visiting other campuses.
3. Follow all classroom rules at all times while in school and while away from campus.
4. Practice everyday. **YOU WILL NOT IMPROVE IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance of all mariachi events is **required**. This includes rehearsals and performances. All events are scheduled ahead of time and students are responsible for transportation. Any conflicts should be notified at least two weeks prior to the performance. A reflection in grade will be accounted for unexcused absences. Examples of excused absences are: Death in the family, personal illness (with Dr.'s excuse or parent) or absence from school. **NO MARIACHI STUDENTS CAN EVER PLAY (WHILE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL) WITH A PROFESSIONAL MARIACHI DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

DISCIPLINE

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR IS EXPECTED OF ALL MARIACHI STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES. DISCIPLINARY ACTION (OR REMOVAL FROM CLASS) WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE FOLLOWING INFRACTION OF RULES:

1. Disrespectful behavior, such as foul language or abusive gestures towards others.
2. Persistent tardies/unexcused absences.
3. Misuse of school property/musical instruments.
4. Use of alcohol or drugs at any time.
5. Infraction of district or school rules.
6. Fighting.
7. Horse playing.
8. Playing someone else's instrument.
9. Written up for any discipline problems by another teacher.
10. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum in class is not permitted. (Exception, water)
11. Girls cannot put make-up on or get out their mirror in the room. **It will be thrown away.**

GRADING POLICY (Look in Syllabus)

- 75% Daily Participation to include:
- Bringing instrument to school
 - Playing instrument in class - in sections, private lessons, individually
 - Playing scales, rhythmic patterns, or exercises from appropriate books
 - Playing ability and effort displayed in class on instrument (home practice)
 - Bringing materials - pencils, books, folders, scale sheets, music, theory books, etc.

**Music Theory
Attitude / Behavior / Performances and rehearsals**

**25% Nine weeks test and weekly tests to include:
Music Theory and Playing on your instrument**

INSTRUMENTS, UNIFORMS, MUSIC, AND FEES

Students don't have to furnish their own instruments for mariachi but are encouraged to do so if they can afford it. Another option is to get a rent-to-own program from a local music store. If students decide to use a school instrument, parents will have to sign a contract holding them responsible for any damages or stolen instruments and a yearly \$25 rental fee will have to be paid in full by the end of October.

Mariachi Shirt Fee \$10

Total Fees = \$25 (instrument rental) + \$10 (Shirt) = \$35

Uniforms will have to be dry-cleaned when turned in (No exceptions).

Any damages to uniforms or instruments will have to be paid in full by parents or guardians. Any lost music will have to be paid for. All students are required to have music.

Students with "trajes":

Sombrero (hat)

Corbata (tie)

Pantalones - falda (pants, skirt)

Chaleco (coat)

All students provide:

Long sleeve, white shirt with a collar

Belt and Black Boots (Ropers)

Students without "trajes": Black pants + mariachi shirt

Any questions please call the school or set up an appointment.

PLEASE RETURN TO DIRECTOR. THIS CONTRACT IS TO BE TURNED IN FOR A GRADE. IF THIS CONTRACT IS NOT TURNED IN AND SIGNED, THE STUDENT

WILL BE ASKED TO HAVE A TEACHER/PARENT CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT. IF THE PARENT REFUSES TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, THEN THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED AND EXPECTED TO CHANGE THEIR SCHEDULE.

Due to many performances throughout the year, this generic permission slip has been created. All relevant information should be listed. If there are any changes throughout the year, please notify director in order to have accurate information. **Performances, times to pick up students at school, and dates will be given to all students for appropriate performances or rehearsals. Students are responsible to inform parents of all performances and rehearsals. If a student is not picked up at the assigned time at school when returning from a trip or finishing a performance or rehearsal, the student might be suspended for the next performance or field trip. Any concerns, please inform director.**

If students decide to use a school instrument, individual instrument contracts will be sent home for parent's signature. All relevant information about the instrument will be in the contract such as model, serial number, condition, and cost (if damaged or stolen).

1. List any physical or medical restrictions.

My child _____ (print) has permission to attend all mariachi performances and trips. I understand that students will be properly chaperoned at all times. I will not hold the mariachi director, principal, school board, or chaperons responsible in case of an accident.

My permission is also given for my child to receive emergency medical treatment in case of injury or illness.

_____ My child has permission.

_____ My child does not have permission.

I further understand that if my child is involved in any discipline problems, he/she will be treated with all school rules.

I have read the above information and fully understand and agree to the content of this form.

Signature of Parent of Guardian

Date

I would like to be a chaperon or help in any mariachi/choir activities _____ (Check)

Student's Name (Print) _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip code _____ Cell number: _____

Class Period _____ School _____

Mariachi
Trip Consent Form
(Permission Slip)
20__ to 20__

Place to visit _____

Date(s) _____

Time(s) _____

1. Departure Time _____ Arrival Time _____

Location _____ Location _____

2. Departure Time _____ Arrival Time _____

Location _____ Location _____

3. Departure Time _____ Arrival Time _____

Location _____ Location _____

Mariachi Rules for Trips

1. Students are required to follow all Somerset ISD handbook rules.
2. Students are required to follow all Somerset ISD mariachi handbook rules.
3. Students are required to follow chaperones instructions all the time.
4. Students are required to be punctual for all call times.

Any violation of these rules will result in immediate loss of privileges and will be subject to school disciplinary action upon return. Any violation of the law will result in the proper law enforcement officials being contacted.

I, _____, understand and agree to follow the rules stated above.
(Student signature)

I, _____, give my son/daughter permission to attend the event above and understand and agree with the rules stated above and accept full responsibility, including any financial cost that may result from my child's actions.
(Parent signature)

Date _____ Contact numbers _____ cell number _____

Other _____

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Student Medical Release Form

Student name _____ Social Security Number _____

Parent or Guardian name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Please list full name and phone numbers of two other persons who may be contacted in case of an emergency:

Please list all allergies this student has _____

Please list all medications this student is taking _____

Please list any other pertinent medical history of this student (diabetes, asthma, etc) _____

Student's physician _____ Phone number _____

Insurance policy provider _____ Policy # _____

In the event that my child should need medical attention, I hereby accept the emergency services of the physician available. I further authorize the mariachi director of Somerset ISD to act in my behalf to sign such papers as may be required to obtain immediate attention necessary for my child's welfare and safety. The attending physician, band director, and the Somerset Independent School District and its administration, staff and employees shall not be held responsible in any way for any consequences from diagnostic, medical and or surgical treatment and are hereby released from any and all claims and cause of action that may arise, grow out of, or be incident to the said treatment, insofar as the law allows and provided that these services are performed with ordinary care and to the best of their ability.

All information provided will be kept confidential.

Parent or Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Somerset Mariachi Instrument Contract

Period _____

Name: _____ School _____
(student / estudiante) (escuela)

Date/Fecha: _____

Instrument _____ Value: _____

Model _____ Serial # _____

Accessories _____

The Somerset ISD Mariachi Program will provide an instrument to students that cannot afford to buy or rent one. The students are responsible for taking care of their instrument. Parents agree to pay for any damages or to pay in full the value of the instrument if that instrument is not repairable or if it is stolen.

Instruments are returned to the school at the end of the year and cannot be kept for the summer. If students move out of the district, parents will be responsible for returning that instrument.

If the student does not own an instrument, is not renting one from a store, and the parents do not want to sign this contract, then students will be changed to another class.

Instruments will not be issued to any student unless this contract is signed.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Date _____

Mariachi Interest Inventory

(Print)

Name _____ Date _____

Instrument _____ Period _____

The following questions are designed to help me get to know you better.

1. What do you like the most about mariachi?
2. What do you hate the most about mariachi?
3. Who is your favorite Mariachi?
4. Who is your favorite mariachi singer?
5. What do you want to accomplish this year?
6. What do you need to do to accomplish that goal?
7. How do you feel about practicing at home?
8. Do you have to be told to practice or do you do it on your own?
9. What is your favorite mariachi song?
10. Have you ever seen a live mariachi perform in a concert? Who?
11. Can you name 3 important mariachis in the world?
12. Is there anyone in your family that plays in a mariachi? Who?
13. How many minutes or hours did you usually practice at home?
14. Do you like to sing? Do you know Spanish?
15. How many mariachi songs can you name that you have played before?
16. How many of these songs do you have memorized?
17. Did you practice your instrument this summer?
18. Do you practice singing at home?
19. Do you own a mariachi CD? Which one?
20. What type of music do you like to hear at home?

Theory test

Name: _____

Date: _____

Draw the following clefs:

Treble Clef

Bass Clef

Alto Clef

Percussion Clef

What is another name for Bass Clef? _____

What is another name for Treble Clef? _____

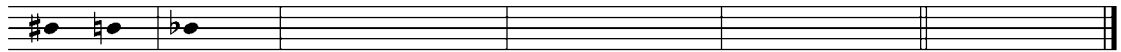
Name one instrument that plays in Treble Clef: _____

Another name for Alto Clef: _____

Name one instrument that plays in Percussion Clef: _____

Five lines and four spaces are called: _____

Find and label the following: accidentals, bar line, measure, double bar line (section), double bar line (end of music.)



Plural of staff is: _____

You count lines and spaces from: _____

Middle line in Treble Clef is letter: _____

The musical alphabet has _____ letters. What are they? _____

When you get to G, where do you go? _____ to _____

Clefs are placed at the _____ of the staff.

Two staves connected with a brace is called the _____.

Lines above or below the staff to extend the staff are called _____.

Mariachi Uniform Form

Name _____ Date _____

Please check everything received. Include number(s) if the traje has one.

Chaleco _____

Coat _____

Pants/Skirts _____

Belt _____

Hair Bow _____

Earrings _____

Botines _____

Tie _____

Sombrero _____

Sash/Banda _____

Signature _____

Signature of parents _____

Date issued _____

Date returned _____

Mariachi Turn in Sheet Page _____ Director _____ Period _____
School _____

Name	Handbook	Inst. Contract	Rental Fee (date)	Shirt (Fee)
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