**MEA MUSIC POLICY – effective March 27, 2012**

EVERY 9 WEEKS, STUDENTS WILL HAVE MUSIC IF THEY:

* Have a 75 or higher in each class
* Have less than 2 referrals (no electronic device, fighting, harassment/bullying, or teacher disrespect referrals)
* Work on the correct course work in the correct class (no sleeping)
* Maintain 90% attendance
* Students must wear student I.D. in a visible location and have music pass in visible location when using music in designated areas

STUDENTS WILL LOSE THEIR MUSIC IF THEY:

* Fall below 90% attendance
* Sharing music, headphones, devices, etc.
* Have 2 or more referrals
* Disrespect their teacher (1 offense)
* Violate electronic device policy (1 offense)
* Fight or have verbal aggression with student or staff (1 offense)
* Bully or harass another student or staff (1 offense)
* Sleep in class
* Work on the wrong subject in the wrong class
* Fail to complete assignments (warm ups, short cycle assessments, tests, TAKS camp, etc.) or Fall below a 75 any class
* Have their music too loud (above personal listening volume) and/or causing a distraction and refuse to adjust it based on the adults expectations. Students cannot share headphones.

POLICY PROCESS:

* Students with a MEA Student ID will be given a music pass with their name on it. This pass cannot be shared. Do so will have the pass taken up. To listen to music in the designated areas, a student must have their student ID and music pass visible. (if the items are at home, the student cannot listen to music.
* The first pass is free. A replacement pass will cost $3 for replacement if lost or stolen or destroyed
* Students will not be allowed to get a pass to go get their headphones, mp3 player, etc. from another class.
* Acceptable music devices are NOT activated cell phones. Student must immediate allow teacher to check for phone service by dialing out. If a student refuses, the music pass with be taken up (MEA staff will not investigate theft of devices). Students cannot use USB device to listen to music.
* Music cannot be used in PE, during passing periods, in the hallways, or in the front office.
* Music will be allowed in the cafeteria as long as students remain orderly, follow adult supervision, and keep music at a personal listening level.
* Internet Music is acceptable on if listening to music (searching for songs is not a reason for prolonged periods away from working) - lewd, offensive, sexual, or adult musical content is not permissible using school resources (internet music sites)
* When working solely on A+, the students will be allowed to listen to music
* When working alone on projects, students will be allowed to listen to music
* A Music “Go Sign” will be created to be posted in class to communicate when the teacher is finished with their instruction.
* Students will be asked to put away their music during:
	+ Teacher instructions, small groups, warm ups, TAKS camps, lessons, tutorials, etc.

POLICY VIOLATIONS:

* Staff will pick up the music pass and turn it in to the principal.
* Suspension from music for a time period designated by the Principal
* Can earn it back by meeting administrator guidelines set during the time period designated
* 3 policy violations constitute permanent ban from music
* Students refusing to turn in their music pass after a violation may be banned from using music for the remainder of the school year.
* Please note that the administrator can implement other consequences as deemed necessary for policy violations.

**The MEA Music Policy is a living document and is subject to change as need to ensure that the campus is a safe, nurturing learning environment. If updated, a new copy of the policy will be communicated and distributed**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(if student is under 18*