# Varsity Show Choir Contract (Heritage Singers & Sensations)

## Information & Contract Agreement for 2025-2026 Competition Year

The purpose of this contract is to give you an explanation as to the commitment that you and your family are agreeing to with the acceptance of a position in either or both the Heritage Singers or Sensations Show Choir(s) for the 2025-2026 school year. We will make every effort to keep you informed so you will always know what is going on and what is expected. Below you will find the average cost to be in this group, along with the average rehearsal and contest days that will be involved. Before the school year ends, fundraising and other means of earning money for the year will become available. By signing the second page of this agreement, you are making a commitment for the entire year, and will be responsible for completing payments, and will assist the group when needed at events throughout the year. A deposit of \$100 is due at the time of your returned contract on May 10th.

### \*\*\*FEES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE\*\*\*

HERITAGE SINGERS & SENSATIONS- \$1000\* (2025-2026 participation and costuming fee) \*Can be offset by fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

\*\*Families must have all outstanding balances from the previous year paid by August 1st, 2025

- May 9th–\$100 deposit
- June 20th \$110
- July 18th-\$110
- August 15th \$110
- September 19th \$110 (fee payments must be up to date (\$540 by 9/15) in order to costume for the Fall concert)
- October 17th -\$110
- November 14th \$100 (fee payments must be up to date (\$750 by 11/15) for outfits for Christmas concert)
- Students who are not up to date with fees by Dec. 13th will be blocked out of the competition season set until fees are caught up or arrangement has been made with the CBO.
- January 16th \$100
- February 27th-\$150 (Credit for an adult working 1 full shift at Showfest can cover this fee.)

\*\*Students who participate in both Sensations and Heritage Singers (doublers) will pay full price for one show choir and \$360 for the second choir. The \$360 will cover the cost of outfits, choreography, travel, and arrangement fees. Sensations/Heritage Doublers would add \$45 to each payment of the payment schedule above.

Doublers who double Legacy would need to add \$180 to cover costs of outfits, choreography, travel, and arrangement fees. Legacy Doublers would add \$22.50 to each payment of the payment schedule above.

\*\*Note: In order to maintain the financial health of the FCHS choirs, students and families must be fully responsible for their participation fees. If any student is not making an attempt to pay fees, the CBO and the directors reserve the right to remove students from competitions, withhold costumes, and seek assistance from collections services.

Accessory and trip costs not included: make-up, shoes, tights, undergarments, hair pieces, etc \*\*Heritage and Sensations members do not need to pay a Concert Choir fee.

These dates detail important payment deadlines. It is suggested that payments be made on a monthly basis so that no one will fall behind. Please communicate if you have a special concern or request and arrangements will be made if possible. Communication is key! Financial aid is available for those that have a need. Please talk with the booster president to get information. All May- July fees need to be paid online at FCHSchoirs.com/fees. Payments may also be brought in and deposited in the choir vault during summer camp or once school begins. Cash payments made during the school year are highly discouraged but will be accepted; however, no receipt will be given. All statements and invoices will be distributed via email through My Music Office. Students that withdraw from participation for any reason will still be responsible for covering their portion of the costs for the entirety of the year. (the FULL amount of \$850 if before the start of the second Semester, \$1000 if after the start of the second Semester. In the unlikely event that a student joins a varsity show choir at the beginning of second semester, they are responsible for the full \$1000 fee. They (and all other students) are eligible for a Showfest credit if a parent or other adult volunteers at Showfest 2026.

Note: the Choir Booster Organization is a not-for-profit entity, and as such is prohibited from offering refunds for any reason. This includes fundraising dollars, trip money, and student fees. If a student fundraises beyond the cost of their participation fees, that money goes into the general booster budget.

#### **Rehearsals and Contests:**

Rehearsals will be two to three times weekly. Additional rehearsals will be added as necessary. A Summer Camp will be held from July 28th-August 1st, with our team building, car wash on Saturday. August the 2nd from 9:00-2:00. This camp and carwash are mandatory. All absences must be given prior to June 1st. All given contest dates should be reserved for show choir contests/rehearsals. Unexcused rehearsal absences will incur a 5% semester

grade penalty per absences. Unexcused performance absences will incur a 1 letter grade penalty of the entire semester grade. Students must follow the absence guidelines and procedures as explained in the FCHS choir handbook. Work related absences will not be excused. Refer to the FCHS Choir handbook for excused and unexcused absences.

#### **Parental Involvement:**

Parents are expected and are encouraged to become active members of the C.B.O. (Choir Booster Organization), which assists with supporting your students throughout the year in a variety of ways. **Parents or adult representatives are required to assist at ShowFest 2026, which results in decreased participation fees,** and are highly encouraged to be willing to assist in other areas. Parents who are not an FCSC employee must submit a background check form after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year in order to be eligible to help as a choir parent.

## 2025-2026 Heritage Singers & Sensations Varsity Show Choir Contract

I have reviewed and understand the financial requirements for my son/daughter to participate in the Heritage or Sensations Show Choir for the 2025-2026 school year. I understand that the commitment involved with a Varsity Show Choir is both a time commitment and a financial commitment.

I understand the financial and fundraising obligations to which I must adhere and hereby agree to abide by and fulfill all of these obligations. I agree to make my payments on time and pay all amounts in full by the dates found within the 2025-2026 Heritage and Sensations Varsity Show Choir Contract.

I understand that fundraising is a mandatory part of being in the Heritage or Sensations Show Choir. As a parent/guardian I will actively support my students in their fundraising efforts and I am responsible for my child's account if they are unable to raise the fees with fundraising.

If circumstances arise that impact my ability to support or meet my financial obligations to the organization, I understand I should contact the Show Choir Directors, Johnnie Hughes or Kelly Day; or the Booster President to discuss options. The goal of this discussion will be to develop a strategy to address the issue and remain in good standing.

I am making a full commitment to Heritage or Sensations for the **entire** school year of 2025-2026. Breaking school or Franklin Choir rules set up by Mrs. Day and Mr. Hughes, such as drinking, smoking, drugs, attendance, inappropriate social media use, poor grades, or discipline problems, will result in termination from the organization, and all money in my student account will remain with the FCHS Choral Boosters. No refunds will be given for credits on student accounts. I understand that **if I withdraw** or **must be removed** from either the Heritage Singers or Sensations Show Choir at any time during the 2025-2026 school year, **I will be responsible to cover the full amount of my student's participation costs of \$1000.** 

All payments will be paid to FCHS Choral Booster Organization in a timely manner and any financial matters/hardships will be communicated to the CBO Board. I understand the payment schedule and will make payments in a timely manner regardless of receiving a statement from FCHS Choral Boosters. I understand that if my account is negligent or tardy, my student/I may be withheld from receiving their performance outfits and may not be blocked into the contest show.

By signing this agreement I am giving FCHS Choral Boosters permission to use my likeness in any promotion, website, or other literature produced.

This contract, along with your \$100 deposit, is due by May 10th before your student will officially become a member of the 2025-2026 Heritage or Sensations Show Choir.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Student Signature:	Date:
Student Name - printed	