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*P. O. Box 51404, Midland, TX 79710-1404*

## **MARIACHI GROUP RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ATTENDANCE**

- Each student is expected to **attend all practices and performances**. Performances are tentatively scheduled 2-4 weeks in advance.
- If for any reason you cannot perform for a performance already scheduled, we need to know 2 weeks in advanced, or at the time the schedule time is mentioned to you.
- If you have missed practice (2) two times in a row and/or if you come to the last practice before performance – you will not be allowed to perform at the next scheduled performance.
- If you missed practice the last day (only one-day), before performance, you will not participate in the next scheduled performance unless your instructor advises otherwise.
- Instructors are the only ones that can advise you if your child is going to perform or not.
- Absences to practices and performances must be called to the Instructor as soon as you find out you will not be able to attend.
- All students are required to attend community performances, workshops or competitions when HCCM is sponsoring the student. Excused absences will be determined by the Instructor. Absence from attending will lead to not being allowed to perform at the next scheduled performance.
- Each student will be required to have a practice log. Parents are to sign each time students practice and students are to present this every week to instructor. The requirement for each student is one (1) hour per day.
- **Excused absences:**  
Personal illness, **school projects**, death in the family
- **Unexcused absences:**  
Forgetting about practice, I don't have a ride, other extracurricular activities.

**If a student misses two performances due to unexcused absences, he/she will be suspended from the group.**

### **MARIACHI COSTUME REQUIREMENTS**

**ALL THE FOLLOWING ARE A MUST WITH YOUR COSTUME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

#### **A. Hair Bows:**

- Each costume has its own bows, tie and bandás (sashes). All girls should wear the same bows for that costume.
- Girl's hair should be tied back in a ponytail and in the lower center of the head. Bowes should be placed above the pony tail (it is part of the costume, parents are required to

make. Center will provide materials. )

## B. Practice items

- Instruments – HCCMidland does have some instruments and will loan the student if they do not have or cannot afford to get one. Parents are solely responsible for any damage, cleaning (care) or replacing the instrument if needed.

## Other Costume Requirements

- Botines (Boots) are required. These are approximately \$54.00 each.
- HCCMidland will select earrings and parents are to purchase.
- Costume will be loaned in-house (if available, if not parents will need to have costume made at parents expense) to the student only when Instructor advises the Director that the child is ready to perform. This will be 3 months after the student has started the program.
- **Costumes will be cleaned at parent's expense. All costumes will be check after each performance. Please check with instructor or Director on proper way to clean costumes.**
- Costume returns- All costumes & accessories will be returned the Tuesday & Wednesday of the following week- NO EXCEPTIONS
- **A charge of \$5.00 a day will be assessed until costume has been returned. Student will not be allowed to check out costumes until charges have been payed.**

## DURING PRACTICE & PERFORMANCES

### 1. Attitude and Discipline

- Children will not horseplay inside the studio or anywhere in the center (this includes family members). The Child/Children will be asked to leave.
- No gum chewing
- No food or liquids
- All performers (students) must get together in one area assigned by Director or Instructor away from parents at performances.
- **Parents will not be allowed in the practice room unless requested by the Instructor, due to common distractions that can occur.**
- Performers (students) must be ready to perform one hour before scheduled time.
- Your attitude must be one of a team player, positive and ready to learn.
- Misbehavior or any student disrespect **will not** be tolerated. The following will be done when this occurs:
  - First warning - Instructor will inform parents of incident
  - Second warning – A letter will be sent to parents if situation does not get better. Also Student will be placed on probation, not to exceed one month.
  - If situation does not get better or within the probationary period gets worse, Student will be asked to leave the group.

**Children may not use their HCCMidland uniforms, costumes or instruments for other events. Violation of this may lead to dismissal from the group.**

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

School grades must be reported to the HCCM every semester, by providing a copy of the student's report card from their school. Report cards must be turned in and each child must keep a 2.5 grade point average in order for them to participate in any event. If the child falls below the GPA point, tutors are provided from Midland College. Once a child has brought their GPA up to the required point a letter from their school is required to return to performing.

## MEMBERSHIP ALL DEPARTMENTS

### Payment Schedule

Membership is \$25.00 per family and \$240.00 a year per child. The amount can be paid yearly or on a quarterly basis. Payment for classes must be paid whether the student attends the whole month or not. Membership fee is a requirement at registration. Payments must be mailed to P. O. Box 51404, Midland Texas 79710-1404 or **submitted to the instructor in a sealed envelope with your name and the name of child.**

Yearly Family Membership	\$25.00	Due at registration
Yearly dues for ballet programs	\$240.00	Due at registration or
Quarterly charge per child	\$60.00	Dec., Mar., June & Sept.

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*HCCM must take priority over other activities (Except for above mentioned).*

*Learning these arts (art, dance, drama, music & speech) and **putting together a performance takes "team work" and time. When a student is absent, it puts a hole in the routine (Please consider your schedule before making a decision to return the application as other members of the group will be counting on your commitment).***

***Both my child and I have read the requirements needed to participate in the Mariachi Group sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland. We understand fully the requirements and will follow them to the best of our ability.***

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*Student*

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*Parent*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_