The Greendale Choir is a representative for Greendale Elementary in the community. Mr. Fore strives to deliver the very best that Greendale has to offer through the choir. In order to achieve this, it is necessary for all students to be present at rehearsals and performances. The quality of the Greendale Choir is dependent upon the contributions of **all** its members. Therefore, when even **one** student is absent, it affects the overall quality of the entire ensemble. Individuals with excessive absences—**even if for a good reason**—compromise the group.

Choir is like a sports team. The coach has a hard time sending out his best team when even one player doesn’t show up to practice or the game. Like a sports team, singing in a choir teaches both individual responsibility and the value of being a part of a group working toward a common goal. When even **one** **student** misses a rehearsal or performance, the Greendale Choir is incomplete. The “coach” doesn’t have his best team on the field.

The following outlines Mr. Fore’s procedures regarding attendance. Please **carefully read** the list below. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Fore at Greendale.

1. TWO excused absences are allowed for illness and/or schedule conflicts **per** **semester**.
2. ONE unexcused absence is allowed **per semester.**
3. **Mr. Fore must be notified in advance by parent note or call of any absences (including concerts)**. Failure to do so will result in an **unexcused absence**, regardless of the reason for the absence.
4. More than **two** excused absences, **one** unexcused absence, or **one** missed concert per semester **may result in your child being asked to leave the Greendale Choir**. Once any of these occur, the following procedure will be implemented before any student is dismissed from the choir:
   1. Mr. Fore will send a letter to the parents or guardians of the student, informing them of the absence(s).
   2. The parents or guardians of the student have **one week** to reply to the letter. Failure to do so **can result** in **immediate dismissal** from the Greendale Choir.
   3. Depending on the nature of the absence(s), Mr. Fore and the parents or guardians of the student **may reach an agreement** by phone, email, or conference to allow the student to **remain** in choir.
5. Please note: exceeding the allowed number of absences does not **automatically** mean your child will be dismissed from the Greendale Choir. The above procedures will take place **before** any dismissal.

Students who achieve excellent attendance will receive an *Outstanding Choir Student* award at the end of the school year. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized separately. Please remove the form below and return it to Mr. Fore by the date specified on the front page of this packet. Please **keep this policy** for your future reference.

I have read and understand the above information regarding the Greendale Choir Attendance Policy. I agree to abide by the policy stated above, and understand that if my child has excessive attendance problems, he or she may be asked to leave the Greendale Choir. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Mr. Fore of any planned absences **in advance.**

My student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_