



## BAND PROGRAM COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT

Whenever a person writes a song, that person automatically gets certain rights to that song, called “copyrights” under the United States Copyright Act of 1976. This law gives that person the exclusive right to make copies, sell or give away, change and publicly perform that song. That means, generally, that no one else can do those things with that song unless the song’s copyright owner gives that other person written permission to do so. The elements of a song that can be copyrighted are the melody and the lyrics. Song arrangements, backing instrumental contributions (such as guitar riffs and bass parts) and chord progressions are generally not copyrightable.

If you have written a completed song prior to joining the Band, or if you write a song by yourself during the Band session, and you choose to allow the Band to rehearse and perform your song, you, as the songwriter, will remain the one hundred percent (100%) copyright owner of that song, and no other Band member will have any copyright rights to that song UNLESS another Band member, with your written permission, re-writes a part of the melody or lyrics. Then, you agree to share the song’s copyright ownership equally with that Band member.

If you have written a song outside of the Band session, you must present any completed songs to E. Felicetti, President – Rock & Roll After School prior to the start of Band session.

However, if the Band members jointly write a song during the Band session, no matter how much or how little each person contributes to that song, and no matter whether the Band member has composed the melody or written the lyrics, each Band member will be considered an equal copyright owner of that song. This means that each Band member has an equal ownership share in that song. So, if any Band member registers the copyright in the Library of Congress (see [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov) for more information), that Band member must name all of the other Band members as owners on that song’s copyright registration form.

All songs written during the Band session will be considered to have been written by the band with each member of the Band an equal copyright owner of the song unless written notice is delivered to E. Felicetti in advance of the first Rock & Roll After School performance event including the song.

By signing this agreement, or clicking Accept on the online enrollment page, you agree to the above-stated terms.

Signature of Student

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Print Name of Student

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Signature of Parent

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Print Name of Parent

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