

CENTER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

CHORALMUSIC

DEPARTMENT

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CGHS Choral Music Course Requirements

Course Objectives

The objective of Choir is to give every student an opportunity to develop a new understanding and appreciation of music and choral literature. Through performance, discipline, and a commitment to excellence each student will be given an opportunity to be successful and will contribute to the overall group's success.

Requirements

Students will be required to sing a simple melody without assistance, demonstrate understanding of musical concepts, and participate fully on a daily basis. Performances are required and are listed on the choral website at www.centergrovechoirs.org. **Attendance is mandatory for these concerts.** There may be a few singing opportunities that will be scheduled throughout the semester that do not appear on this schedule. We will give plenty of notice to those involved any conflicts must be discussed **at least one week** before the scheduled event. Any **excused** absence can be replaced with a concert replacement essay.

Attendance

Attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory. A performance is equivalent to a test. Choir is a performance-based activity and 90% of the student's grade will be based upon daily participation and performance/performance-based assessments. **Unexcused absences include work related conflicts, doctor appointments, dentist appointments, club sports, etc. Please plan ahead.** If you have a question about what is considered excused, please call me in advance. 10 points will be deducted from your concert grade for a tardy arrival to rehearsals or performances. Plan ahead so you can avoid being late.

Additional Concert Dress

TBD. We will costume or robe students in all choirs. Any additional costume pieces will be determined at a later date and students will be informed.

Grading

Grading is based on the students ability to demonstrate their understanding of the academic standards addressed. This knowledge will be assessed in a variety of ways including written assignments, performance tests (ex. Sight singing), and written tests. Your students grade will be based on the school wide grading scale found in the student handbook.

Participation in class involves being prepared for each class, paying attention, not talking, and respecting those around you. The class is weighted as follows:

- 10% - Daily Participation
- 80% - Performances/Tests
- 10% - Written Assignments

Fundraising

Every choral student is asked to participate in the fall choral fundraisers. The choral program is funded almost entirely by this fundraiser. As we do not charge your student a costume rental fee, we ask each student in to sell at least \$50 worth of steak or trash bags in the fall fundraiser. Equipment, music, arrangements, and other necessary items are purchased with the money we fundraise every year. The fundraisers are not set up to be a burden on anyone, but to assist in providing the necessary materials for each student in the choir.

Materials Needed

Each student must have their iPad on a daily basis. In addition, a pencil must be kept in their theory folder. All choirs, with the exception of Descants and Gents will keep their folders in the classroom. Failure to bring required materials more than once in one semester may result in an ASD.

Top 5 Choir Pet-Peeves

(o.k. they are really rules, but pet-peeves sounds more fun!)

5. Be on time to class everyday!! In your seats when the bell rings is the rule, but I'll give you one day to practice. (See the school tardy policy in your student handbook)
4. Pass by the plastic receptacle of waste before entering the classroom to rid yourself of any contraband... i.e. gum, food, sugar-filled beverages. None of these items should ever grace the walls of the choir room.
3. No "trashy" talk in the choir room....be respectful of those whose ears are still pure! This is a rule with no warnings, just ASDs...consider yourself warned now!
2. Respect thy elders and thy fellow man/woman. Do not talk during rehearsal unless instructed to do so...use your vocal cords for singing only!
1. Have your class materials everyday! There is no excuse anymore...the dog can't eat the iPad.