

MIDWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR
CLASSROOM POLICIES 2021-2022

The purpose of the choral program is to instill within each student a better understanding of, and a deeper appreciation for the art of music. To achieve this goal we will utilize the basic fundamentals of singing, which include the study of vocal production, music literacy, and artistic interpretation.

The following are classroom policies, procedures, and expectations which are vital in accomplishing these goals and ensuring a successful choir experience for each member.

I. Classroom Procedures

Upon Entering the Room:

1. All purses, books etc., must be left on floor behind risers
2. Throw anything that is in your mouth in the trash
3. Pick up any materials (folders, books, pencils) needed
4. Get to your seat and ready to work at the bell

Time To Rehearse:

1. The class will receive a verbal or physical cue from teacher to signal the start of rehearsal.

Questions or Comments:

1. Raise your hand
2. Wait until I call on you to speak

Dismissal:

1. Always remain in your seat until the teacher, NOT THE BELL, has dismissed you.

Expectations:

1. Follow classroom rules and directions at all times.
2. **Actively participate in rehearsal.**

II. Consequences:

*Each student begins each class day with a 100 for his/her daily grade.

*Violating classroom procedures, policies, or expectations will result in a verbal warning.

*Additional offenses will result in point deductions from the daily grade.

***The final daily grade will be based upon the teacher's own personal observation of the student's participation in class that day.**

***Repeated, disruptive offenses will result in removal from rehearsal or a written referral to the assistant principal with possible further point reductions resulting in a zero daily grade.**

***Insubordination will result in immediate referral to the office.**

III. Grading:

Choir is a discipline that, unlike other subjects, requires a grading system that is predominately based on active participation in a rehearsal. **The student earns their daily grade by their effort demonstrated during every component of rehearsal.** Written or performance skills test grades will also be given periodically with notice. Pop Quizzes will be given periodically without notice. Tests will cover basic music reading and singing skills as taught in class.

IV. Concert Attendance:

All students are **REQUIRED to perform 3 concerts** in the school year. Each concert is worth 2 major test grades and is 30% of their grade. The students are also required to stay for the entire concert. Students who miss any concert unexcused will not be allowed to make it up. Excused absences will receive a written assignment related to the performance in order to earn their test grade. The director should be made aware of ANY conflict for a concert well in advance. This, however, does not excuse the student.

Excused absences from a concert include a death in the immediate family or student illness and absence from school that day.

V.*Eligibility: UIL rules say a student must have passed all classes 6 weeks prior to any extra-curricular activity in order to participate. This includes participation in region auditions, UIL Contest, and Pizzazz.