

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

- *Class Attendance* – Unlike individual activities such as an academic class, it is impossible to makeup activities that occur in a choir rehearsal.
- *Additional Rehearsals/Activities* – Students will be given adequate notice of all additional rehearsals and activities outside of the regular class period. These rehearsals and activities are course requirements and are vital to the success of the choral program. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of out-of-class time required. Therefore, unexcused absences from these activities will be treated in the same manner as an unexcused absence from class, and will affect the student's grade. Unexcused absences include work.

In the event of a conflict with another scheduled school activity, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the sponsors for the activities. The sponsors will then determine the student's obligation.

- *Concert Attendance* – Concerts are the ultimate evaluation of many weeks of preparation and class work. Choir members are expected to be present for the entire duration of each required concert. An unexcused absence from a concert will lower the student's grade dramatically. Absences and tardies will be excused for cases of medical emergency or death in the family. **Prior notification** of any conflict with a required concert or rehearsal is required with **adequate notice**. Students are held responsible for keeping up with the dates and times of scheduled activities.
- *Excused Absences* – It is impossible to replicate what happens in a concert or rehearsal, therefore it is imperative that each student attend. Anyone receiving an excused absence from a concert or after school rehearsal will need to arrange with the director an appropriate assessment to serve as their makeup grade. The student will need to be prepared to perform any and all pieces demonstrated at the rehearsal/concert. An excused absence consists of personal illness or unforeseen family emergency. **Any excused absence must be approved prior to the performance through email.**

Submission of the absence does not guarantee excusal from the rehearsal or guarantee full credit or restoration of full credit for the missed rehearsal.

- *Unexcused Absences* - An unexcused absence from a concert or after school rehearsal will result in an automatic zero for a grade. There will be no option for a make-up grade. Any student in a competition choir who consistently misses concerts and/or rehearsals may be demoted to an entry level choir.
- *Chorale Expectations* – Chorale members are expected to be at all afterschool rehearsals, performances, and events. Unavoidable absences must be emailed to both directors. Upon submission, the directors will determine if your absence can be excused. All unexcused absences will affect your grade. Conflicts must be submitted with adequate notice. In addition, an email must be sent on the day of the conflict for our records. Chorale members will receive 1 waived after school absence per semester.

TARDIES

Choir students are considered tardy if they are not in the choir room when the bell rings. Students not in their designated spot on the risers at the tardy bell may be counted tardy.

- 4-7 tardies in choir = N in conduct thus loss of exemption for choir final exam.
- 8 tardies (+) in choir = U in conduct meaning a loss of exemptions for ALL classes.