

GKMS Chorus Handbook

Areas of Focus

- Musical Literacy – reading pitch and rhythm
- Knowledge of musical styles and related world and music history
- Performance Skills- vocal technique, diction, ear-training, and sight-singing

Ensemble Behavior

Our chorus ensemble is essential a music team. The actions of any individual can either help or hinder the entire ensemble in both rehearsal and performance. Self-discipline is not option; it is required. Students who choose not to participate in the daily singing lessons will be removed from class at the teacher's discretion.

The following item will be expected of every member:

- ✓ Class preparation – recordings of student's individual parts will be made available on our google classroom for at home practice
- ✓ In seat and quiet when the bell rings
- ✓ Quiet during class rehearsal when you are not singing
- ✓ Demonstrate correct posture while singing
- ✓ Respect for self, learning, others, and property.

Grading Policy

Grades are earned by assessing each student's knowledge, skills, and participation in daily rehearsals and required performances. Grade will be assessed on a point system as follows:

- ✓ Rehearsal Grade: 10 point per rehearsal (20% of overall grade)
- ✓ Singing assessments (40% of overall grade)
 - Students will be assigned varying vocal assessments including scales, arpeggios, and selections from current concert music.
 - All assignments will be submitted via Google Classroom.
 - Grades will be given based of a performance rubric that will shared with students ahead of time.
- ✓ Performance Attendance (40% of overall grade)
 - The concert performance of the chorus is the primary function of the class and therefore attendance is required.
 - Written excuses may be considered when submitted two weeks prior to the concert.
 - Students must wear appropriate concert dress for performances in relation to the school dress code. Failure to be properly dressed will result in a deduction of points.

Dress Code

All students are required to wear a white colored top with black pants or skirt.

Grading Scale

90%-100%= A

80%-89%= B

70%-79%= C

60%-69%= D

59% and below= F

Performance Dates

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

6th Grade-

Thursday, December 12th at 7pm

Thursday, May 5th at 7pm

7th and 8th Grade-

Monday, October 5th at 7pm

Thursday, December 12th at 7pm

Thursday, May 5th at 7pm

Please sign and return this form by Thursday, August 27th acknowledging the classroom rules, procedures, grading policies, and performance expectations. Please note that chorus students meet during their WIN 1 or Study Hall time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are still responsible for completing their work on their own time.

Parent Signature

Email Address