

## Homedale High School Choir

Mr. Zieske

### Welcome to High School Choir!

This class will teach you the skills needed to sing music in a variety of musical styles. There will be many fundamentals covered in this class throughout the year including: characteristic tone quality, intonation, sight singing, music terms, theory, history, and piano skills.

### Materials Needed:

- Pencils
- Binder
- Notebook paper

### Grading System:

Etudes and Quizzes	40%
Daily participation and preparedness	30%
Class assignments	20%
Concert attendance	10%

### Etudes and Quizzes:

Etudes are a way to hear each student individually to ensure they are singing with proper technique and progressing at an appropriate speed. Students perform etudes in class or record themselves in another room. Etudes can *always* be made up if a student is unhappy with the way they sang.

Quizzes cover music theory, vocabulary, and history. Most quizzes are written tests, and students can *always* retake a quiz if they are unhappy with their score.

### Daily participation and preparedness:

Students are expected to participate throughout the entire rehearsal and bring a pencil, binder, and notebook paper. If a student isn't prepared, they will lose up to 25% of that week's preparedness grade.

### Class Assignments:

Class assignments cover vocal technique, music theory, vocabulary, and history. Most assignments are written, and students can *always* remake them if they are unhappy with their score.

### Concerts:

There are five after-school performances during the 2016-2017 school year (The Not-So Silent Movie: October 20, Holiday Concert: December 8, Spring Concert: March 23, Pops Concert: May 11, High School Graduation: May 22). Students are expected to attend all concerts, and performances are 10% of the grade. If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Mr. Zieske as soon as possible to find a solution. Sports and other school events approved by Mr. Zieske are usually acceptable reasons for missing a concert as long as you give prior notice of the situation.

Students also perform at events *during* the school day (such as the Veterans Day assembly and elementary school concert). Additional opportunities for performing are given throughout the semester. Details about the solo and ensemble festival, honor choirs, the school talent show, and other events will be sent home and posted on the music department website.

**What to Wear to a Concert:**

Boys: white shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes (ties optional)

Girls: white shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt (skirt must be full length), black shoes

**Marching Band and Color Guard:**

All students in choir have the opportunity to be in the school's marching band. Practices are after school on Tuesdays (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm) and Fridays (9:00 am - 12:00 pm). The marching season ends in mid-October, and students perform at all home football games and four or five Saturday competitions.

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I have read and understand the class syllabus.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_