



Homedale Middle School Choir

Mr. Zieske

Welcome to 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:

Tests, quizzes, and concerts	50%
Daily grade (participation, preparedness, etc.)	30%
Class assignments	20%

Tests & Quizzes:

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

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.

Concerts:

There are many performances for choir during the year. Students are expected to attend all performances; they are part of their grade. If you have a scheduling conflict, **please contact Mr. Zieske as soon as possible** to find a solution. Sports and other school events are acceptable reasons for missing a concert as long as you give prior notice of the situation.

Additional opportunities for performing are given throughout the semester. Details about the solo and ensemble festival, in-class recital, school talent show, and other events will be sent home and posted on the music department website.

What to Wear to a Concert:

After-school concerts and festivals

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

In-school performances (caroling, in-class recital) and pep band

All: jeans and a red t-shirt

Daily Grade:

Learning to sing in a choir isn't easy. In order to succeed, students must always try their best in class, and participate throughout the entire rehearsal. Students are expected to always bring their binder and a pencil to every class. If a student isn't prepared or participating, they will lose points from that day's grade.

Class Assignments:

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

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I have read and understand the class syllabus.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____