

Ivywood Choirs

2021 – 2022

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Hello Students & Parents,

Welcome to the NEW Ivywood Choir Program and the 2021-22 school year! This syllabus contains the choir classroom expectations and policies. In order to maintain a high standard of excellence, adherence to these expectations and policies is required. Please read this carefully, save the information for future reference, and contact me with any questions. I am looking forward to a great year at Ivywood!

All Students Are Expected To:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Prepared
3. Be Successful

Parents:

If your student is having any difficulty meeting these expectations, you will be notified.

GRADING

Students will be graded using the following method:

1. **Performance Tests, Written Quizzes, & Music Theory Assignments - 40%.** This consists of tests/quizzes (e.g. a passage will be assigned and tested on a few days later), written tests/quizzes, and other music theory assignments T.B.A.
2. **Practice Logs - 20%.** You've chosen to learn to sing, and to become better requires practice! Daily practice is best, but not always possible. Students are graded on TOTAL WEEKLY PRACTICE TIME. Minimum practice time for each week is expected as 90min 1st Semester, and 120min 2nd Semester. Practice Logs must ALWAYS be signed by a parent!
3. **Daily Rehearsal Etiquette - 20%.** You're in choir, so showing up to choir without your music, a pencil, or even late, should be a VERY rare occurrence. Following directions and the rules of rehearsal are also expected. Have all your materials, be ready to start on time, meet classroom expectations, and have a good attitude during every rehearsal.
4. **Concerts and Dress Rehearsal - 20%.** You are required to perform, and to rehearse as you would perform. Therefore, missing a concert means missing a substantial percentage of your grade. Concert grades can be made up for partial credit IF something occurred that justifies being allowed to recover the grade.

Required Materials for Choir

1. Black 1” Three-Ring Binder
2. 10 Clear Sheet Protectors (non-glare) (10 to start with)
3. Your Music Theory Book — Provided
4. A Pen or Pencil
5. Notebook Paper (not used daily, but still needed)
6. Concert Polo Shirt — More Info to Follow

DONATIONS

Supplies — Kleenex and other items (ask) are always accepted. If you wish to donate other supplies, ask and I can also provide information for tax purposes!

ORTHODONTICS POLICY

Getting braces and then having them maintained is a part of student life. Please refer to the following guidelines, for both in class, and at home practice. **To get excused from practice requirements and playing/performing requirements, I must receive a note from the Orthodontist! Please, do not have braces tightened or installed in the days immediately before a concert!**

Braces “Installed” — 3 days of no singing at school or at home. Student must still bring their Materials & Music to follow along with the group, so they are not behind.

Practice Sheet — Note on that week that the student received braces, the student will be excused for those days of practice requirements.

Braces Adjusted — 1 Optional Day of no singing in band or at home. Student must still bring their Materials & Music to follow along with the group, so they are not behind.

Practice Sheet — Note on those days the procedure, so the student can be excused from that day of practice.

CONCERT INFORMATION

Tentatively, there will be two concerts this year. These will be scheduled around December and then later near the end of the school year.

Or each possible concert, there will be a “Call Time.” The call time is when students are required to be at the concert location and attendance is taken.

Choir (Music Theory) is a performance class. Everyone is important, and everyone is expected to participate, at every concert! Excused absences are allowed, but only for the following reasons: Illness (Doctor’s Note, or parental note required), Funeral, other prearranged reasons. To excuse an absence due to illness, I must be notified by 3:00pm on the concert date! Students will have the opportunity to make-up a concert grade and will be able to choose how they wish to make up the missed concert (if due to being excused).

Examples of unexcused absences include: Sports Games, Sports Practices, Dance Practice, Dance Recitals, Forgetfulness, and any other excuse you can dream up! You will be allowed to make-up a portion of the grade for an unexcused Absence, but it probably would’ve been easier to just make it to the concert.

Therefore, once we have a possible concert date, please notify me of any conflict at least 1 month prior to the upcoming concert. More information about any tentative concert becoming less “tentative” will be sent home as soon as we have it finalized.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student is absent for any reason OTHER than suspension, they can participate in the concert. If a student is suspended on the concert day, they cannot perform.

CONCERT GRADING

To Earn A Good Grade, You Must Do The Following:

- Arrive on time, at “Call Time” announced
- Arrive dressed for the concert!
- Have all of your music ready when you Arrive! (If performing with music, rare)
- Follow all directions, rules, and concert etiquette
- Give their best effort to the performance
- Stay for the entire concert, as a courtesy. Support your fellow musicians!

Concert Dress Code:

- Uniform Music Polo: Order Forms will be sent home
- Black Dress Pants (No Jeans, Yoga, Leggings, Sweats, Skirts, or Shorts)
Black Dress Slacks, or Black Khaki Style Pants are acceptable.
When in doubt, ask!
- Black Dress Shoes & Black Dress Socks (No Sandals, or Flip-flops, and socks must be long enough to cover skin when seated!)

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Signature Page

Sign and Return this page by Friday, September 17th for full credit!

Yes, we have read and understand the expectations/policies for Choir. We agree to abide by these expectations and policies. We also understand that choir is a full year commitment, and concert attendance is both expected and required.

Print Student Name

Student Signature Date

Please have both parent/guardians sign! Especially, if more than one will be signing on practice Logs. Thanks!

Print Parent(s) Name(s)

Parent Signature (Used to verify Practice Logs) Date