

## **Arcadia High School Concert Choir**

The objective of the High School Concert Choir is to achieve excellence in vocal performance. This goal will be met by focusing on improving individual vocal skills and by developing and refining the sound of the entire ensemble.

### **Expectations:**

Students enrolled in the Arcadia High School Concert Choir program will be expected to participate in rehearsals and performances for choir and invest in individual practice time to excel as a musician. The choir program is an academic and extracurricular commitment that allows students to work and learn together, this makes attitude and demeanor a serious factor. Students are expected to approach all challenges and obstacles with a positive attitude and accept all accomplishments with humility and grace.

### **Evaluation:**

Music is an academic study, and will be treated as such. Students will be evaluated by use of the following:

- 1)** Active participation in rehearsals – rehearsal attendance and participation are essential for students that wish to learn, engage in the choir community, and perform well in the program. Points are earned by actively participating during rehearsals and class with a positive attitude.
- 2)** Performance – the performance for the choir is similar to the final exam in a core studies class. Students should set success of an artistic performance as a goal to be attained through self-directed preparation activities, cooperative planning and organization, self-disciplined practice, creative thought and action, and self-evaluation. Points are earned for attendance and participation.

\*Note\* Please see the attendance policy listed in this syllabus for more information on performance expectations.

- 3)** Various assignments – assignments pertaining to music as an academic study as well as form submissions may be given at the discretion of the director

### **General Rules:**

- 1) Students must receive permission from a director to use the music room outside of regular class or rehearsal times.
- 2) The phone and computers are to be used only with a director's permission. The use of these devices must be strictly related to class activity.
- 3) The music room and folder storage areas should always be left in a neat, organized manner.
  - a. Music and music folios are to be left in the music folio cabinet in the appropriate slot.
  - b. Books, bags, and other items for different class may be kept underneath your chair during rehearsals.
- 4) **Vandalism with regard to instruments, equipment, and school property will not be tolerated. Offenders will be held FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE.**
- 5) Gum chewing, candy eating, food, beverages, etc. are not permitted in the music or storage rooms.

**Rules continued:**

6) Be in your seat (or spot) and ready to begin class or rehearsal ON TIME.

7) All talking and playing MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY when any authorized person steps onto the podium or in front of the group.

8) Do not talk or play when the director stops conducting to give instructions or explanations.

\*General student conduct, rules, and sanctions not listed under the band program's general rules are outlined in the Student Handbook that is given to all students at the start of each school year.

**Attendance policy:**

Choir is a co-curricular class and therefore attendance and participation of performances is mandatory to receive a passing grade in the course. **Many performances are scheduled outside of school hours but are considered a school function and requirement of the class.** Performances are listed below; please mark these dates on your calendar.

Absences will only be excused in the event of a death of a family member or illness. Other excuses may be accepted under the discretion of the director. Work schedule conflicts and transportation issues are not excusable absences.

**Choir Events:**

October 22 – McComb Choir Invitational

December 9 – Winter Choral Concert

TBA – Channel 44 recording

February 9 – Solo and Ensemble

March 4 – Pre Spring Contest Concert

March 8/9 – District Contest

May 12 – Spring Concert

May 19 - Graduation

May 21 – Music Awards

Events may be added, notice will be given at least 4 weeks in advance.

**Concert attire:**

Robes be assigned to choir members for performances. Robes are school property and therefore students will be held financially responsible for any damages done to their robe in their possession. Robes should be kept at the school at all times.

**Under the robe:**

**Ladies** – you may choose to wear a skirt, dress, or pants. Dresses or skirts must follow the school dress code. If choosing pants, they must be black and the top must be a dress shirt. If choosing a skirt/dress and said skirt/dress falls below the robe, it must also be black. All ladies must wear neutral shoes/dark hose (if wearing).

**Gentlemen** – Black pants/socks/shoes; button down shirt with tie or other appropriate dress shirt.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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**Sign and return August 20, 2018**

**Printed Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the Arcadia High School Concert Choir.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_