

7/8 Chorus Syllabus

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Course Description:

Welcome to 7/8 Chorus! In this class, students will sing, sing, sing! A variety of styles of music will be prepared for multiple performances throughout the school year. Other fun activities, games, and performance opportunities will be announced to students throughout the school year.

Course Objectives:

The ultimate goals of Chorus:

- to become better singers.
- develop a love and appreciation for singing.
- develop music reading skills.
- refine performance skills.

Student Expectations:

- Be safe.
- Be respectful.
- Follow directions.
- Participate in class.
- No cell phones during class (Not allowed via Code of Conduct).
- Improve singing and rehearsal habits throughout the entire school year.

Grading:

- **Participation in rehearsals 40%**- Participation in the activities in class will count as the highest portion of the grade. AKA SING!!!!!!!! To earn a high grade, students are required to show effort, cooperation, and leadership during rehearsals and performances. Students will receive a weekly grade for rehearsals.
- **Park Checks 30%**- Students will be graded on how accurately they sing their part in any song. A rubric will be given to the students before the assessment. Part checks will occur once a quarter.
- **Concert Participation (REQUIRED) 30%**- Students are expected to attend and participate in Chorus concerts throughout the year. Please take note of the concert dates above. Letters with information about the concerts will be sent home with students in advance as well as reminders on Teams and in the classroom. Concert information can be found in the Syllabus and on my school website page under Miss Scalise, 7th and 8th Grade Chorus.

Concert Dates: Concerts are required for Chorus

- **Thursday November 14th 7 pm**
ALCS Theater
- **Thursday March 27th 7 pm**
ALCS Theater
- **Thursday May 29th 7 pm**
ALCS Theater

Classroom Management:

- Students are expected to follow the Classroom Expectations visible in the classroom.
- Students will receive a warning during class if their behavior is inappropriate or does not follow the student expectations.
- If a second warning is issued, a phone call/email will be sent home.
- If a third warning is issued, the student will be removed from the classroom and a Disciplinary Referral will be completed and handed in to the office.
- **Student cell phone use is prohibited in class.** If students use their phones, they will be directed to place them on Miss Scalise's desk. If they are used again after that, the student will receive a Disciplinary Referral.

Concerts:

- **Concert attendance and participation is a REQUIRED part of Chorus.** Students are expected to attend and participate in all concerts. **If a student is absent, parents/guardians must message Miss Scalise ASAP! If a student fails to attend the concert, a make-up assignment will be given.** Emergencies, sicknesses, and other unexpected reasons for not attending the concert will be discussed with Miss Scalise. A letter will be sent home before the concert, information can be found in this syllabus, the school calendar and website, Miss Scalise's website, and Teams.
- Wear your nicest black dress clothes (make sure it is seasonally appropriate meaning now sweaters in May!). No shorts, jeans, t-shirts, sweat shirts, athletic wear please. Button downs, dress pants, dresses, shirts, blouses, dress shoes are great!
- Clothing must follow the ALCS Code of Conduct.
- **If students are in need of proper concert attire, they can check out the clothing closet on the 2nd floor or contact ALCS Music Boosters for assistance. Please message Miss Scalise if needed.**

Important Dates: ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- Talent Show
 - o Wednesday October 16th 3 pm- Auditions (Application and Permission slip required)
 - o Tuesday October 22nd 5 pm- Dress Rehearsal
 - o Wednesday October 23rd 7 pm- Talent Show in ALCS Theater
- Solo Festival at ALCS*
 - o Friday and Saturday January 24th and 25th
- School Musical (audition required, not mandatory, but highly suggested!)
 - o Friday, Saturday, and Sunday February 7-9
- All-County Festival #1 at **Salamanca** (Elm. Chorus, Jr. High Band, Sr. High Chorus)
 - o Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th
- All-County Festival #2 at **Salamanca** ** (Elm. Band, Jr. High Chorus, Sr. High Band)
 - o Friday and Saturday March 21st and 22nd

*Participation is by audition only.

**Students in grades 7-9 are eligible for Junior High All-County Chorus. 9th graders are considered first for selection, then 8th, then 7th. Each school in the county may send 10 students to participate each year.

I am looking forward to having a successful year! Let's make some music!



**Please sign and return this paper to Miss Scalise by
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6th for a grade.**

Please print!

Name of student: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Please have a good email address listed. Email is my main way of communication!

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

By signing this, I understand what is expected of each student in Chorus and I will follow the expectations to the best of my abilities. I understand the actions/consequences of not meeting these expectations throughout the entire school year. I understand that Concerts are required for class (November, March, May)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this, I understand what is expected of my student in Chorus. If I have any questions or concerns, I will contact Miss Scalise. I have noted the concert and other important dates for the future, and understand that my student is required to attend and participate in these concerts. I understand that if my student is unable to attend the concert for any reason, I am to contact Miss Scalise as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____