

Room Management & Course Expectations

MHS Chorus Room # 61- Mrs. Vars

Mission Statement: *“Middletown High School is an educational community committed to providing the academic, civic, and social tools essential for the future success of our students.”*

1. Course Requirements

- a. Attend all scheduled performances properly attired.
- b. Be punctual and prepared for all classes and performances.
- c. Be attentive and respect one another.
- d. Raise hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking.
- e. Responsible for # Uniform, Garment Bag, Choral folder and all issued music and books.
- f. Seek extra help when needed.
- g. Adhere to the policies, procedures, and code of discipline in the Student Handbook.
- h. Any student unable to attend a scheduled performance must give the director a written letter from said students' parent or guardian one week after the schedule is handed out. Each student will be given a calendar of all known dates set in September. Students are expected to bring this information home and put it on the household calendar so everyone is aware of the student's commitment. Chorus performances are an outcome of all techniques and concepts taught in the classroom. These performances are the final outcome of all their hard work. Every member of the ensemble is needed to produce the final product properly (in likeness to a test or exam.) **Parents are requested to sign the Course Expectation, the Uniform Contract, questionnaire sheet, Emergency Form, (which will be on file the entire year) and send in to the director ASAP please.**
- i. Any new or revised dates throughout the year will be dealt with as soon as the dates are given.
- j. Any student not attending a scheduled performance, without a legitimate reason (of an emergency nature,) may be exempt from any or all extra choral events (this will be at the teacher's discretion.)
- k. The director may exempt any student from any performance if said student is not musically prepared (i.e. music not learned, words not memorized,) poor discipline, inappropriate attitude in class or not following school rules. Student's grade will be affected.
- l. Student's not following **all school rules** will not be allowed to travel with the chorus. **NO suspensions allowed !!!**

2. Test Policy

- a. Each student will be tested throughout the year.

b. Each student may be asked to sign up for a specific 15 minute segment of time during mid-term and finals week, during or after school, for their vocal exam. The teacher will have students prepare an audiotape for their vocal exam and may choose to perform in a quartet or octet during class. The teacher may also give written quizzes, exam at any time throughout the year.

c. **Homework will be assigned if a student legitimately misses a performance- (i.e. an emergency of some nature.)** If the student does not have a legitimate reason and written note from the parent, their grade will be a zero. **The director may assign the student to sing their vocal part of the entire concert on audiotape and a paper as well if a legitimate absence.**

3. Grading Policy

a. **Performances- 33%**

b. **Classroom Participation, and assigned homework- 33%**

c. **Vocal testing and/or written testing- 33%**

d. **If there are no performances during a quarter, the other two areas will be raised to 50%.**

Please return this portion as soon as possible. Thank You. As Always, Mrs. Vars

We have read the Room Management Plan, and Course Expectation Sheet for the MHS Chorus. We understand that all performances are mandatory and are very important and a large part of the report card grade. We also understand what is expected of each member in order to remain a part of the Middletown High School Chorus.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's e-mail- (print clearly please)

(This e-mail address will be used to keep you informed of upcoming dates, assignments and events as well as Music Booster information)

Student's e-mail - (print clearly please)
