

Middlesex Middle School Chorus 2024-2025

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Class Expectations & Grading:

1. **CLASS PARTICIPATION- 50% All Quarters:** Students will be willing to try their best and sing at an audible level during chorus class. Students are engaged in the learning process and demonstrate their overall “best selves” during class time.
2. **RISER ETIQUETTE - 20% All Quarters:** Students follow the MMS school norms and adhere to expectations while on the choral risers. Students will respect each other, teachers, and the classroom at all times.
3. **VOCAL TECHNIQUE - 20% All Quarters**
Students develop their knowledge of good vocal technique and appropriately demonstrate the techniques during class.
4. **QUIZZES - 10% Q1 & Q3:** Students should expect one or more quizzes per quarter based on the class curriculum and music lessons.
Or CONCERT PERFORMANCES - 10% Q2 & Q4 ONLY: ALL MMS MUSIC ENSEMBLES ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM IN TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES EACH SCHOOL YEAR IN THE FORM OF A WINTER AND SPRING CONCERT. Please note details below.
5. **CLASSWORK - 10% All Quarters:** Students complete all classroom activities and listening journals posted in Google Classroom by the indicated due dates.

Chorus Concerts:

Please note that concerts are a mandatory academic requirement of all MMS vocal and instrumental ensembles. Students must perform at **ALL** concerts as a part of their quarterly grade, and must adhere to the MMS school norms during performances. An absence from a concert may result in a child’s grade being lowered by one whole letter grade for that quarter *unless* the absence has been communicated to the teachers PRIOR TO the concert evening.

Please mark down the following dates:

- ★ **Winter Concert:** Wednesday, December 10th; (6th & 7th grade @ 6:30pm; 8th grade @ 8pm)
- ★ **Spring Concert:** Thursday, May 8th; (6th & 7th grade @ 6:30pm; 8th grade @ 8pm)

Please sign and return the bottom portion indicating you understand the Chorus expectations for 25-26.



☐ I understand the expectations of Chorus class, grading policy, that attendance is mandatory for all concerts, and that any *unexcused* absence will reduce the grade for that quarter by one whole letter grade and may result in a change in music elective.

☐ I agree to follow classroom expectations and norms, and will be accountable for my behavior and participation in class.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

☐ I understand the expectations of the class, grading policy, that **CONCERT ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** for my child, and that any unexcused absence not communicated in advance will reduce the grade for that quarter by one whole letter grade or a change in music elective.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____