

Arcola High School Chorus Information



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As a part of the Arcola High School Chorus, you are expected work with the ensemble to experience and understand music. As part of our chorus, you are expected to try your best, work hard and act in a mature, responsible way. Our attitudes and each of our performances reflect upon our community.

Expectations

All chorus members must be willing to cooperate with others and improve themselves through regular practice. We must have a sense of purpose toward a common goal and be willing to work toward that goal. We need to work hard to achieve individual and group goals. Each student is the determining factor in the success of the chorus. If you do not know how to do something, ASK!!

1. Respect- self, students, staff, space, equipment
2. Be regular in attendance; account for all absences
3. Be responsible for your actions
4. Make a **sincere** effort to improve and contribute
5. Follow classroom and rehearsal procedures, school regulations and instructions
6. No food, drink or gum! Water only
7. Be in your seat with music in order by 12:40
8. Bring a pencil every day

Grading

You grade in chorus will be determined as follows:

Activity	Percentage
Performances	30%
Participation	20%
Singing Test/Project	25%
In Class Activities	25%

Performance Attendance - Attendance is expected at all performances and at all pre-scheduled rehearsals. An excused absence from a choral function will require the same criteria as an excused absence from school: personal illness, death in the family, or family emergency. Excuses for absences and tardiness should be submitted in writing, in advance with a parent's signature. Unexcused absences from a performance or numerous rehearsals may result in removal from future activities. **Communication is important to avoid a failing grade for a performance.**

Participation- You start each week with 10 participation points. Keep all of your points by having everything ready to go at 12:40 each day and by following all classroom rules.

Singing Tests/Projects- You must complete one singing test or project per quarter. Singing tests are over material we have covered extensively in class. I will help make you as prepare to ensure success. All grading is based on ability level (how long have you been in chorus).

Projects are always related to the music we are singing and usually incorporate some music theory or history. I will give you time in class to work on projects.

In Class Activities- Sometimes our theory lessons will require written work. I will always give you time in class to work on these assignments. Once completed and returned, you will have the opportunity to correct your work and turn it back in to earn full credit.

Exam- At the end of each semester, we will have one cumulative exam based on quiz materials and lectures. I will provide a study guide. The content will always be the theory we have learned that semester and translation of Italian symbols and terms.

Fundraising

We have 2 fundraisers each year to help maintain a successful chorus program. Fundraising pays for our accompanist, entry fees to IMEA auditions, and new music. Your personal fundraising will be put into a personal account to pay for a chorus trip to Chicago each December. We will also work concessions at volleyball games again this year to raise money. A signup sheet is available. Each game you work is worth 2 extra credit points!

Resources

Sign up for text alerts: Send a text to 2172538130 with the message @2cb3e

Visit our website for copies of all handouts and information:

<http://www.arcolamusicdept.org>

For music theory help:

<http://www.musictheory.net>

Chorus Dates 2013

October 19 th	Fall Chorus Concert 6:30 pm
October 14 th	IMEA Auditions @ Effingham HS
November 14 th	HS Chorus LOVC @ Arcola
November 23 rd	IMEA District Festival
November 27 th	Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm
December 8 th	Christmas Concert-2:00pm band 3.30pm chorus

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January 22 nd -23 rd	All State Conference-Peoria
February 8 th	Choral Concert 6:00pm
April 18 th	Good Friday Service 7:00pm
March 8 th	Solo and Ensemble @ Arcola 10am
May 8 th	Band and Chorus Concert- Chorus 6:00pm, Band 7:00pm