

KHS CHOIRS – Chorus I

A Tradition of Excellence.....

The vocal music classes at Kickapoo are **performance classes**. Performance classes are different from those that use textbooks and require written assignments on a daily basis. Since students will be involved in performing each day, “make up” work cannot be assigned to make up for an absence, unless specific written work was assigned. **A parent/guardian is also asked to sign the student information page signifying that they have read this entire document. The signed student information page is due back on Friday August 25th, 2016.**

KHS Chorus I grading

KHS choir uses participation as a grade. Using participation as a primary grading measure is not intended to punish students who are seriously ill or who have unavoidable emergencies. However, an accumulation of absences and/or instances of ineffective participation will negatively affect the student's grade.

Each Choir class is graded by three separate categories. These categories are: Participation, Performance, and Knowledge. Each grade entry will reflect one of these three categories. The quarterly grading will break down approximately like this:

Participation – 5 Points are received each day that a student is present and follows the rules of the choral rehearsal space:

- No Phone or electronics while rehearsing
- No Coming to rehearsal without your folder
- No Food
- No Disruptions of the rehearsal
- No Leaving the room without permission and a pass

Because these rules directly benefit or hinder the progress of our entire group, breaking any rule will result in loss of participation points for the day and will be notated in the online gradebook as to why points were taken.

Performance –

Assessments – 2 Scale tests; 55 points each, 2 sight reading test; 50 points each, and 2 literature tests; 100 points, (1 per concert per quarter).

Concerts – 250 points per performance

Concert performances can be made up for the grade on a limited, **pre-approved**, basis (see below)

Knowledge/Written work, quizzes, and tests

Approximate breakdown of 1 semester grading:

55% Performance 910 pts

27% Participation 440 pts

18% Knowledge 300 pts

Performance and Extra Rehearsals-----NOT AN OPTION.

- **A PERFORMANCE** presented during or after school hours is an extension of the vocal music class. Grading for such an activity is treated as a unit or quarterly exam. Make-up work will not be assigned in lieu of attendance at performances. **An unexcused absence from a performance will lower the student's grade two letters.**
- A job conflict is not an excused absence.
- A robe will be provided for performances however the student must supply the following:

Gentlemen: Black slacks, socks and shoes. No jeans or tennis shoes please.
Ladies: Either black sheer hose or black slacks and black dress shoes. If toeless shoes are worn, either black socks or hose must be worn. No jeans or tennis shoes please.

An absence from a performance may be excused under the following circumstances:

- **Critical Conflict** – This is considered to be another school activity scheduled at the same time, on the same date. The student should report the conflict to Mr. Cornelius as soon as it is discovered. Mr. Cornelius will meet with the sponsor of the other activity and a resolution can be reached.
- **Sick and unable to attend** – A message for Mr. Cornelius should be left in his office (523-8500) **prior to the performance.** Do not wait until the next grading period to explain the absence.
- **Emergency** – The student should contact Mr. Cornelius before school the very next morning. A note, phone call, or email from the parent/guardian should follow. The absence may or may not be excused depending upon the seriousness of the emergency. **Do not delay in making contact!**
- **Work is not considered an excused absence.** Plan ahead.....ask off.....
- **Students must be in school ALL DAY on the day of an event in order to participate in MSHSAA extra-curricular activities. Because a concert is for an academic grade this rule may not apply to our school performances.**

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From the office of Dr. Justin Harrell, Associate Superintendent of SPS:

“This course has curriculum that is taught during the regular school day and opportunities for participation in competitions/contests that occur outside of the regular school day. The competitions/contests fall under the governance of the Missouri High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and are considered to be extracurricular activities. The Springfield Public Schools assesses a participation fee for all students who are engaged in extracurricular activities which are governed by MSHSAA. In addition, participation in extracurricular activities may necessitate additional personal expenses for student participants for things such as travel, food, lodging, clothing, etc. Students who participate in the extracurricular component of this course will be provided with opportunities for individual and group fund raising to meet these additional expenses. Students will not be excluded from participation in this course based on their inability to personally contribute to the additional expenses required for the extracurricular component of the course. For more information about additional expenses associated with your activity/athletic event, please consult with your coach, sponsor, director, and/or the Building Activity & Athletic Director.”

Kickapoo Tardy Policy

Definition of a tardy: All students are expected to be in the classroom when the bell rings. A student is tardy to class if the student is not in the classroom at the conclusion of the tardy bell. The tardy policy for this class is the same as the school-wide policy. **This policy will be strictly enforced.**

Academic Honesty Statement

Academic honesty is expected in all classes at KHS. Cheating will not be tolerated. Violations of academic honesty include, but are not limited to, copying, allowing someone to copy your paper, using cheat sheets, using technology to transmit or receive information with the intent to commit academic dishonesty, not grading correctly, plagiarizing, and self plagiarizing. Plagiarism is the theft of ideas, writings, or words of another person and passing this information off as one's own. Self plagiarism is completing an original paper for one class assignment, then turning in that same paper to another teacher for another class assignment without permission. Papers may be checked by the teacher using plagiarism detection software. Any student cheating will be subject to academic and/or disciplinary penalties. Consequences may include: reduction in grade on assignment, repeat assignment, no grade (zero) on assignment or others as deemed appropriate. Academic dishonesty will be reported to a school counselor and a parent will be notified.