

Annawan High School Choir

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Welcome to Choir! I am looking forward to this upcoming year. There are events and performances planned, and I truly hope that we can grow together as musicians and develop a true love for music! If you have not joined yet there is a facebook group for students and parents to get updates on different choir events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/annawanchoir/>

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be in the classroom when the bell rings.
- Have your music and be seated 3 minutes after the bell to start rehearsal.
- NO chewing GUM
- NO CELL PHONES in class.
 - 1st Offense – Warning
 - 2nd Offense – Lose 3 daily participation points
 - 3rd Offense – Lose ALL daily participation points and detention
- Be attentive when the teacher is talking.
- Handle music and school equipment with care.
- Give your best effort every day and have FUN!

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- A Pencil
- Folder with Music

OBJECTIVE

To create entertaining music for the audience, as well as, the performer, while implanting new and old musical concepts into each musical composition.

GRADING

- 1) Active Participation in Rehearsal – 5 points per day

Active participation in rehearsal is defined as listed below:

- On time and ready to start as indicated
- Come prepared with a pencil and other required materials
- During rehearsal, you are focused, attentive, striving to improve, and playing your instrument when asked to.

- 2) Singing Tests – 32 points per Singing Test
 - a. Sight Singing Exam (Once a month)
 - b. Rhythm Exam (Once a month)

*Will be tested by assigned groups on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month

*Singing Tests will be given during the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters

3) Performance Attendance – 100 points

Unexcused absences will result in a 0% and a detention for each mandatory performance. Please see the excused absence policy below for more information. Additionally, failure to adhere to the dress code will lower your grade.

4) Final Exam – 10% of Final Grade

The final exam will have 4 sections that will consist of musical terms, rhythms, sight singing, and essay questions from the semester.

Performance

- **Attendance:** you are required to be at every mandatory band performance. If there is a conflict your parent **MUST** email me at least **1 WEEK** beforehand. If the absence is due to illness you must have a written note signed by your parent on the next school day. The first unexcused absence will result in a zero and a detention, and the third will result in a possible removal from class.
- **Concert Attire:**
 - **Men:** Long sleeved white dress shirt, black pants, and black shoes and socks.
 - **Women:** Your outfit needs to look professional and adhere to all school dress code policies. Black dresses or a nice top (white or black) with black slacks/a long skirt are okay. Wear black closed toe heels or nice flats.
 - NO jeans or shorts, and NO gym shoes or sandals!

A Cappella Choir

A Cappella Choir is an extracurricular activity that meets before school on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8:10am starting on Tuesday September 22nd. The Jazz Band will perform at different events throughout the year. It is a great opportunity for students to broaden their musical experience.

Café Night

This year there will be two Café Night fundraisers. The a cappella choir and jazz band will be the main features for this event. This event will need volunteers to help make it a success. Any parents available during the below dates that could help out during this event please make a note in the below form. There will be more information about possible jobs at a later date.

2015-16 Choir Season

*Call time is when the students need to arrive for the Event

*Every Event with a “+” before the date is mandatory for all band students

10/3 ILMEA Auditions @ Geneseo (Select Band and Choir Students)

+ 10/14 Fall Concert (JrH Band and Choir, HS Choir) = 7:00pm

+ 11/2 LTC High School Choral Festival @ Annawan High School

11/13 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

11/14 ILMEA District Band and Choir Festival (Select Band and Choir Students)

+ 12/8 Band and Choir Holiday Concert = 7pm (**Call Time 6:15pm**)

4/11 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 5/4 Spring Concert = 7pm (Call time 6:15pm)

Please fill out the bottom sheet (please tear off bottom) and turn in by **Thursday 8/20**

Student Name: _____

I have read through the Choir Syllabus and understand the class expectations and procedures.

Interested in A Cappella Choir: yes / no

Parent is able to help with Café Night: yes/no, date: 11/13 or 4/11 (if yes, contact information _____)

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____