

Nordonia Middle School Choir Handbook

2019-2020

Dear choir family,

Welcome to an exciting new year of music! I am so excited for my second year at Nordonia Middle School and am ready to start the year on a positive note. Please use this handbook as a guide to classroom rules and expectations, performances, required events, attire, and any other questions you might have about the choral program. I know that we can work together to create a successful music program. I am thrilled to be your director, and I hope you will reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Choir Goals/Objectives:

1. To promote the highest standards of excellence in performance, professionalism, and pride in oneself, the choir, the school, and the community
2. To provide a constructive and beneficial activity for student participation
3. To encourage school spirit and pride

NMS Choirs:

1. 7th Grade Choir
 - Open to any student in the 7th grade
 - Performances will include: fall concert, winter concert, spring concert, OMEA, Cedar Point, and final concert.
2. 8th Grade Choir
 - Open to any student in the 8th grade
 - Performances will include: fall concert, winter concert, spring concert, OMEA, Cedar Point, and final concert
3. Knight Rhythm (A Cappella)
 - Select ensemble that is auditioned by the director
 - The number of students selected is left to the discretion of the director
 - All rehearsals and performances are mandatory, unless prior permission is granted by the director
 - Participants can be removed for missing more than three unexcused absences
 - Performances will include: Cavs game, winter concert, AcaFest, Extrav

Concert Attendance and Absences:

- Public performance of the music rehearsed in class is viewed as a final test. Therefore, students are required to participate in all functions of the choir in which he/she is a member.
- Absences: absence from any event will require a Choral Absence Request Form on file 2 (two) weeks before the expected absence. You will find this form on the website. Any unexcused absences from a performance will result in the final grade being dropped two letter grades. Absences because of personal illness, death in the family, etc. can be excused with the Choral Absence Request Form. Any excused absence will be given an alternate assignment in order to make up the grade missed by the performance absence.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Come to each rehearsal and performance on time with the primary goal of enjoying music and learning as much as possible.
2. Foster a positive, professional environment where everyone is accepted.
3. Always have your choir folder and pencil.
4. Once rehearsal starts, you may not leave the room for any reason without permission.
5. No cell phones or food will be allowed in the rehearsal space.
6. Talking during class is not acceptable.
7. Try your best!

Classroom Management/Discipline Policy:

All rules from the NMS handbook apply to this class. Please be respectful at all times. Consequences for misbehavior can include the following:

1. Verbal warning/conference after class
2. Conference with parent/guardian
3. Office referral
4. Removal from class/vocal music program

Grading Policy:

Grades are based on class participation, cooperation, and concert/rehearsal attendance

1. Class/performance attendance (30%): Please see the absence policy for more information. Concert/performance attire is outlined below.
2. Class participation and cooperation (70%): Class points are based on positive participation, good attitude, motivation, effort, quality of work, self-evaluation, and following all NMS policies. Please note: one point will be deducted from your final participation grade for each unexcused tardy. Also, points will be deducted for each time you are chewing gum, eating food, or having beverages other than water in the classroom.

Cheating/Academic Dishonesty:

Cheating and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. All incidents will be reported to the main office per the WHS handbook. The student will have the opportunity to complete an alternate assignment. Consequences for cheating include:

1. Discussion with the director
2. Discussion with both the director and parent/guardian
3. Discussion with the Principal/Asst. Principal

Choir Trips:

- Written parental permission will be needed for all trips
- All members must have a current Emergency Medical Form on file with the choir director and school office
- All school rules apply on trips at all times
- All students ride the bus to and from choir functions except when a student who wishes to ride home from a function with his/her parent submits a written request to the choir director at least one day in advance
- Departure times for each trip will be announced.
- Be where you are to be, when you are to be there, with everything you need.

Student Conduct:

- Please remember that students are always a representation of the Nordon Hills School District. We will act in a way that positively reflects upon our school and will abide by all school rules/policies at all times.

Concert Attire:

- ALL black pants (no jeans, no yoga, no sweats)
- Black socks
- ALL black, close-toed shoes (no sandals or sneakers)
- Choir T-shirt

NMS Vocal Music Calendar 2019-2020

NOTE: Since choirs are academic classes, please plan ahead and clear your schedules for the dates listed below. **All dates in are required unless otherwise noted.**

Fall Choral Concert *REQUIRED*:

Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM, Call at 6:00 PM
Nordonia High School Auditorium

NMS Musical *optional*:

Saturday, December 7th, TBD
Nordonia High School Auditorium

Winter Arts Festival *REQUIRED*:

Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 AM, Call at 8:30 AM
Nordonia High School Auditorium

7th and 8th Grade Field Trip *optional*:

Friday, February 7th from 3:00-10:30 PM
Playhouse Square-- Anastasia the Musical

Spring Choral Concert *REQUIRED*:

Saturday, February 29th at 6:00 PM, Call at 4:30 PM
Location TBD

Solo & Ensemble Contest *optional*:

Saturday, March 28th, TBD
Kent Stanton Middle School

Cedar Point *Performance REQUIRED, park optional*:

Saturday, May 9th, TBD
TBD/Cedar Point

OMEA Large Group Contest *REQUIRED*:

Friday or Saturday, May 15 or 16th, TBD
Location: TBD

Final Concert *REQUIRED*:

Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM, Call at 6:00 PM
Nordonia High School Auditorium