

2023-2024 Lake of the Woods Choir Policy

Each choir member 7-12 is asked to follow the policies stated below. It is important that you understand what is expected of you as a member of our music program at Lake of the Woods School. Do your part to keep our program running smoothly.

Choir Objectives:

JH Choir

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| 1. Each student will learn proper beginning vocal technique to use in Unison/2-part repertoire and be introduced to 3-Part music. |
| 2. Each student will begin learning or continue practicing the method of reading music to develop sight-singing skills. |
| 3. Each student will complete lessons on the basics of music theory. |

Sr. High Choir

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| 1. Each student will use proper proficient vocal technique to blend and train the ear to produce multi-part choral music. |
| 2. Each student will continue using a method of reading music to improve their sight-singing skills. |
| 3. Each student will complete lessons on the review of basic and intermediate music theory. |



Choir rehearsal times: Please be in your seat with your music and pencil by the second bell. If you fail to do this, you will be counted tardy and your daily grade will be lowered.

- No gum is allowed during class. It is difficult to get gum out of the carpet and it makes singing more difficult. You will lose daily points if you choose to have gum in choir.
- Absolutely no food or drink, other than water, are allowed in the choir room or auditorium.
- **Cell phones are to be turned off and put in your music slot** unless needed to complete an in class activity
 - School policy on these subjects will be followed.

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Performances: There will be three concerts a year. Concerts are required and considered a test. If you are unable to attend a performance with an excused absence (see school policy), please inform the director no later than 4:00 pm the day of the performance. There may be opportunities to perform for community groups/activities and the National Anthem for games.

- There will be a concert evaluation assignment after every concert and contest.
- There will NOT be make-up assignments to be completed to receive points for missed performance.
- All performances and contests will be given points that go toward letter awards.

Contest: There will be three opportunities for 9-12 choir members a year: solo, large group(s), ensemble. Students need to follow the school and MSHSL policy for eligibility in order to participate. Large group contest will be graded as a performance, therefore, ineligibility will result in a failing grade for the performance.

Choir Uniforms:

All 9-12 choir members are expected to wear a choir robe at all concerts and contests.

****Please wear black slacks or skirt, black shoes, (flats, no flip-flops) and black socks under your robe.**

All 7 / 8 choir members are expected to wear nice dress clothes (like you are going to a wedding) no jeans. Flat shoes are required, no high heels or flip-flops. Please follow the school district's dress code policy. Failure to do so will result in not being able to perform and a failing grade for the performance.

Out-of-Town events

The 9-12 choir will participate in out-of-town events. Transportation will be provided by the school district. All students are to use the mode of transportation provided for out-of-town functions. Exceptions may be granted on an individual basis. Students are not allowed to drive themselves or ride with others to out-of-town events. Parents may pick students up after the event by signing out with the director.

******Part-time Jobs:*******

If you have a part-time job, please inform your employer of your choir activity dates to eliminate conflicts. Students who plan ahead seem to have few problems. Your director has spared no effort in providing you with a yearly calendar. Please use it!!!! Nearly all of our local employers are very good about avoiding conflicts with school activities-- if you keep them informed. You will not be excused from a choir activity for work!!

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Grading Policies

The following Grading scale will be used in Choir:

90-100 – A

80-89 – B

70-79 – C

60-69 – D

50-59 – F

Students' grades will be assessed under a number of rubrics and criteria.

The breakdown is as follows:

50% Minor Assessment Grades

50% Major Assessment Grades

Minor Assessments (50%) can include:

1. Daily Class Participation* (10 pts per day)
2. Class/Homework

*Class Participation Grades are determined by participation in class. Each day a student has 10 points. Students will keep all of their points for remaining on task, actively participating in rehearsal, and contributing to the corporate success of the group. Participation grades will be posted daily.

Major Assessments (50%) can include:

1. Concerts
2. Quizzes/Tests/Projects

***Please check out my web-site for updates: <https://isd390music.weebly.com>

Thank you for observing these guidelines so that we do not have to spend our time dealing with these items on a daily basis. Our time is much better spent in the enjoyment of making great music together. Hopefully you understand what is expected of you by your director.

Be respectful of one another and remember that we only reach our musical goals when we work as a team.

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Please sign and return this page of the policy by Friday, September, 15 to receive 10 points.

I have read and understand the Lake of the Woods choir policy.

Student

Parent