

Introduction

Welcome to the Norris School District #160 Choral Program. I hope you are all ready for an exciting and challenging year.

Guiding Principals

Excellence is what I expect from you and myself at all times. The following are guiding principals to help us achieve our goals:

- Strive to do our best at everything.
- Grow as singers, musicians and individuals.
- Be positive models of leadership and citizenship.

Procedures

- A. Please be **in your seat** with your music, etc., when the tardy bell rings.
- B. Please show pride in your work by sitting like a singer, notating in your music (when needed), having a positive attitude, demonstrating proper rehearsal technique and working hard during all activities.
- C. Please listen when others speak.
- D. Please consume only **water** in the classroom unless it is a special occasion.
- E. Please show **respect and tolerance** to everyone and everything at all times.

Concert Attire

Men – ROBE RENTAL FEE (\$10.00), Black dress shoes, long black socks, black dress pants, and black t-shirt

Ladies – ROBE RENTAL FEE (\$10.00), Black CLOSED-TOE shoes, black dress pants, long black socks, and black t-shirt

8th Grade – Black CLOSED-TOE shoes, long black socks, black dress pants or skirt (long length) and a white dress shirt (polo or button-down)

7th Grade – Black CLOSED-TOE shoes, long black socks, black dress pants and choir t-shirt (\$12.00).

Choral Essentials **30%**

Choral Essentials is made up of your daily work in class and includes vocal progress as well as characteristics of good vocal production.

Assessments **30%**

Assessments of your voice and musicianship skills, using the concert repertoire and/or sight-singing exercises, will occur at least once per quarter.

Concert Attendance **30%**

Concert attendance is mandatory. Missing concerts, even when excused, will affect your grade because every individual's attendance is crucial to the success of the whole group.

All point deductions are maximums. Because each situation can be different, Mr. Hansmeyer will decide total deductions on a case by case basis.

Unexcused Absence	-100 points
Excused Absence	-30 points
School Activity	-10 points
Partial attendance at concert	-20 points

Homework and Quizzes **10%**

These can include sight-singing quizzes, music theory homework and other activities as assigned.



2009-2010 Schedule

Concerts begin at 7:00 PM (unless noted).

DATE	EVENT	CHOIR(S)
Sept 4	All State Deadline	TS
Sept 11-13	Gold Choreography	G
Sept 24	Musical @ 7:00	Musical
Sept 26	Musical @ 7:00	Musical
Sept 27	Musical @ 2:00	Musical
Oct 10	All State Auditions	TS
Oct 19	7- 12 Vocal Concert	TS, MC, G, SS, 7, 8
Oct 28	Peru Show Choir Contest	G and SS
Nov 13-15	Gold Choreography	G
Nov 16	EMC @ Gretna	TS
Nov 18-20	All-State Choir	Selected Members
Dec 9	Show Choirs Perform for Elem	G, SS @ (9:00 AM)
Dec 9	Holiday Tour	G
Dec 14	HS Winter Concert	TS, MC, G, SS
Jan 10-11	Doane Honor Choir	TS
Jan 23-24	Johnston Contest	G
Jan 30	UNL Show Choir - Lied	G
Feb 6	Lincoln SW Show Choir	G and SS
Feb 11	UNO Show Choir	G and SS
Feb 11-13	Wesleyan Honor Choir	Selected Members
Feb 15	NCD A Show Choir @ Norris	G and SS
Mar 9	7-12 Vocal Concert	TS, MC, G, SS, 7, 8
Mar 10-11	District Music Auditions	TS, MC
Mar 26	Platteview MS Contest	7 and 8
Mar 29	General Music Concert	5 th -6:30 & 6 th -7:30
April 18	Mozart Rehearsal 3:00 PM	TS
April ???	Mozart Rehearsal at NWU	TS
April 22-23	District Music Contest	TS, MC, G, SS
April 25	Mozart Concert 3:00 PM	TS
April 29	Show Choir Show	G, SS
May 5	Show Choir Auditions	TS, MC, 8
May 8	MS Musical (3:00 and 7:00)	7, 8
May 10	HS Concert	TS, MC
KEY	TS – Titan Singers MC – Mixed Choir G – Gold	SS – 68th St. Sing. 7 – 7th Choir 8 – 8th Choir

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Titan Singers, Mixed Choir,
Gold Show Choir, 68th Street Singers,
8th Grade Choir, and 7th Grade Choir



**...Continuing the Tradition
of Excellence...**

Music is exciting. It is thrilling to be sitting in a group of musicians performing the same piece of music. You are part of a great, powerful, vibrant entity. And nothing beats the feeling you get when you have practiced a difficult section over and over and finally get it right. Music is important. It says things your heart can not say any other way, and in a language everyone speaks.

~ Dan Rather, CBS News

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