

NPHS
CHOIR
HANDBOOK



2023-2024

A. Classroom expectations

1. Be on your way to your assigned seat with your folder and pencil when the bell rings.
2. Gum, food, or drink will not be consumed in the rehearsal room, on stage, or at a performance.
3. There is no talking while the teacher is talking during a rehearsal.
4. Be on time for all performances.
5. Be courteous and respect your fellow classmates. If you make a comment to another student, make it positive or constructive.
6. Show respect to the director and accompanist. Disrespect will not be tolerated.
7. The bell does not dismiss the class; the teacher does.
8. Present a positive attitude and always try to do your best!

If you choose not to follow the rules, you will lose participation points, be given a detention, or referred to the office. Consider this a general warning.

B. Attendance policy

1. Each performance of the choir is mandatory. Since this is a performance based class, a large percentage of your grade is dependent upon your participation in performances.
2. Any absence from a performance must be submitted **in writing by a parent or guardian prior to the performance date.**

Excused absences include:

- a. Athletic events (games, meets, tournaments) - **NOT PRACTICES**
- b. Personal illness
- c. Family emergency

Unexcused absences include:

- a. Work or babysitting
- b. Lack of transportation - contact Ms. Prucha if this is ever an issue.
- c. Athletic practices
- d. Family outings or vacations

C. Grading policy

Your grade each nine weeks is determined from a variety of sources. Please note that talent is not graded. Hard work through your dedication, however, is always rewarded in this class. The grading scale is as follows:

90 - 100%	A
80 - 89%	B
70 - 79%	C
60 - 69%	D

Each nine weeks grades include a combination of participation points from rehearsals, Sight Reading Factory assignments (weekly, 10 points), and performance grades. Participation in rehearsals is an essential part of this class. Any group is only as strong as its weakest member. Everyone must play an active role in making our choir the best that it can be. Each day's rehearsal is worth 5 points. If you are participating actively and appropriately in class and following the expectations, you will earn your five points for the day. However, if you choose to not follow the rules outlined earlier, you will lose a point for each infraction. Lost points can accumulate quickly, and this will have a major impact on your grade. All concerts are worth 100 points each. An unexcused absence from a performance will seriously affect your grade for that nine weeks.

D. Uniforms

Each student will be issued a uniform (with the exception of Bel Canto) for use at the Christmas Concert. Grace Notes, Delphian Chorale, and Vox will also use these uniforms at other activities through the year. Students will be given these uniforms in October, and will keep them at home when not in use.

E. Class fees, supplies

Students are responsible for having a sharpened pencil in their folder at all times for marking music during rehearsal. In addition, each student in choir must submit a ***\$10 cleaning fee to Ms. Prucha no later than August 31st.***



I am looking forward to working with all of you this year! Parents, I hope that you will consider being a part of the booster organization for the choirs, Vocal Majority. This organization supports each of the choirs in our program, and we hope that you will join us for a meeting when you can! Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school choir room. Because of Labor Day, our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 330-365-4048, or email me at pruchak@npschools.org.

The NPHS Choir website is found at www.npvocalmusic.com, and the NPHS Choir Remind account is @npvocal. (You can text this code to 81010, if you don't have the Remind app.)