

A.H.S. MIXED CHORUS

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

ATTENDANCE/TARDINESS

Attendance will be taken and recorded at the beginning of each class period. Any student coming late to class will be recorded as tardy unless you obtained a pass. Please refer to your student handbook for the consequences for excessive tardiness or absence. If you have a pass to leave class, you must report to class first and notify both the secretary and the teacher.

DISCIPLINE

- Students are expected to extend courtesy, and respect for others (including their property), the teacher, & the school.
- For an efficient rehearsal, it is important that everyone is ready to sing as quickly as possible at the beginning of the period and that everyone cooperates with the conductor or student director. Talking while the class is being instructed is unacceptable.
- No food, drink (except water), or chewing materials are allowed in the classroom. **CHEWING GUM IS NOT ALLOWED!**
- Any student who does not feel well enough to sing for a class or a rehearsal must obtain a medical release from the nurse's office. If the student does not remain in the nurse's office, he/she will be required to participate fully in the class with the exception of singing or participating in any movement activities.
- Students will be further required to follow additional class rules as indicated by the teacher.
- Students who violate any classroom policies/rules will result in the following: (1) warning with the possibility of an after-school detention with the teacher, (2) parental notification, & (3) disciplinary referral to the housemaster. This excludes extreme behavior violations, which will be handled immediately with the assistance of the housemaster and security.
- Any missed rehearsals or performances will reflect negatively against a student's grade (i.e., performance, attendance & participation)
- Bathroom passes: Any student who wishes to use the bathroom during class will discretely see the teacher who will issue the student a pass. All students must legibly print their name, time out/in and destination in the sign out/in log book in the classroom. Failure to do so will result in not being allowed to leave the room for the remainder of the trimester. When the student returns, he/she must return the pass to the director for storage. Please attempt to use the bathrooms at other times throughout the day. Any chronic bathroom users will be approached by the teacher and asked to refrain from using the bathroom during chorus. **ONLY 1 STUDENT MAY LEAVE THE ROOM AT A TIME!**

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Each student must bring the following to each class:

- All music & books that have been assigned to date.
- A proper folder or binder for storing music issued.
- A pencil with a good eraser (pens are NOT to be used on music).
- A small notebook for writing.

You will need the following other materials for chorus performances:

- Black shoes (women must wear FLAT shoes)
- Black socks (men) Neutral nylons (women)
- A long black skirt – ankle length or black dress pants (women) or black dress pants (men)
- Men's white tuxedo shirt (everyone) and a blue bow tie (supplied by Music Dept)

COURSE OUTLINE:

Students in Chorus will focus on learning basic techniques of singing through the teaching of quality choral literature.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT EVENING REHEARSALS & CONCERTS ARE MANDATORY AND IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS PERFORMING CLASS!

MIXED CHORUS GRADING POLICY

- **Attendance (Mandatory Rehearsals & Performances) - 40%**

This refers to attendance at all school **required** rehearsals and performances. Students are expected to attend every concert for its full duration. Valid excuses for missed rehearsals/performances include only serious circumstances such as family emergencies/illness. Unacceptable excuses include: work schedule, babysitting, forgetting, or skipping. All proposed absences will be handled on an individual basis with the teacher. THIS IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY. DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY EXCUSED! Excuses for emergencies must be submitted in writing from a parent/guardian within two days of the absence. Valid excuses will not negatively impact this grade. All rehearsals/performances on the official calendar are mandatory. Additional commitments can be added to the calendar with two weeks' notice and still be mandatory. For policy regarding sports/athletic events, if there is a mandatory rehearsal/performance opposite a practice, the student will report to music and receive a pass to practice when the rehearsal/performance has ended. If a game is scheduled opposite a non-mandatory rehearsal, the student should attend the game. Conflicts between games and performances must be **submitted in writing no less than 2 weeks prior** to the conflict to both the director and coach. Mr Hyman and the coach will then attempt to work out an acceptable solution. Students not wearing required concert attire, may forfeit their opportunity to perform and will receive a zero for that performance. Unexcused absences will also be recorded as a zero. Leaving early/arriving late will be recorded as either a zero or 50% (dependent upon the amount of time missed). Note: there are a varied number of mandatory rehearsals/performances per trimester. Parents/Students should regularly check the calendar posted on www.attleborohschorus.weebly.com

- **Class participation, effort & communication, uniform policy compliance, condition of music – 40%**

This includes class participation, cooperation, willingness to improve, effort, use of time, and having all required materials (music, pencil, etc...) at every rehearsal/performance. It also involves returning important forms/communications sent home on time. There will be occasional forms/letters that must be brought home and signed within one or two days (like this classroom management plan, for example!). Daily class attendance can negatively influence this grade if excessive absences are recorded. (Students cannot participate in class if they are not present...) This grade also includes caring for and wearing the proper performance attire. A uniform inspection grade will be recorded at each performance.

- **Homework & projects – 20%**

One written homework assignment will be issued per week. Assignments must be turned in by Friday each week (or earlier). **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Homework assignments turned in late will receive no credit. Homework may be made up (i.e., corrected & resubmitted) if a poor grade is received until the assignment is perfected. As an optional make-up assignment, students may submit one research project each trimester (detailing information about a composer, style of music, time/period, etc... that we have discussed in class).

- **Extra Credit**

Additional points may be awarded for auditioning for festivals, successfully auditioning for festivals, taking private instruction, additional performances, & concert/music performance critiques.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

All parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to become involved with the Attleboro Music Parents' Association (AMPA). Please email Attleboromusicparents@gmail.com with any questions, ideas or comments.

Check out the Music Dept (Chorus) Website:

<http://attleborohschorus.weebly.com>

Check out the Music Parents' Website:

<http://www.attleboromusicparents.com/>

AHS Music Dept on FaceBook:

Attleboro High School Music Department

AMPA on FaceBook:

AMPA Attleboro High Music Parents

I have read through the guidelines for Mixed Chorus and understand the expectations for the course.

Student signature: _____ Student name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____