



HILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Vocal Music

HANDBOOK

2017-2018

HILTON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK

The Hilton High School Choral program has a proud tradition and we are delighted you have chosen to become part of our choral music department. This handbook is designed to help you become familiar with the choral department and give you information you will need throughout the year. Please be sure to fill out the google form on your class' GoogleClassroom by Wednesday September 13th. You should keep this handbook home for a reference throughout the year.

The four choral ensembles offered at Hilton High School includes: Da Capo Singers, Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorale and Choir. Students who are participating in either Women's Chorale or Choir must have passed an audition as an entrance requirement. Entrance into Da Capo (All Freshman) and Mixed Chorus is open to the general public of the High School. We also have two auditioned a cappella groups that are extracurricular and meet and perform throughout the school year.

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CHORUS OFFICERS 2017-2018

Officers for the choral program will be elected during the month of September.

GRADING POLICY

Quarterly grades are based on the following criteria.

1. Classroom Participation

40 %

1. Cooperative Attitude
2. Consideration for others (respect for teachers, students and self)
3. Punctuality
4. Coming to class prepared to work (having music, pencil, i-pad or other electronic device)
5. Proper classroom conduct (following class rules)
 - a. Staying in assigned seat throughout rehearsal
 - b. Raising hand to be recognized
 - c. Staying on task throughout rehearsal
 - d. Participation during rehearsal activities
 - e. No excessive or loud talking
6. Consideration of school property and equipment

2. Concert Attendance

20 %

All students participating in a choral ensemble are **required** to attend and perform in each concert listed below. **This means the students are expected to remain for the entire length of the concert.**

Absences will only be considered excused if there is a family emergency (ie. death in the family) or the student is too sick to attend the concert and proper notice is given.

Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to...

- Student does not have proper concert attire. – *The same way your child would not play football without a helmet, or field hockey without their uniform, students need to be prepared in advance.*
- Student Jobs/Work – *Ample time has been given to ensure proper notification to employers.*
- Failure to arrange transportation. *Plan ahead, we can help if we know about a problem in advance.*

- School or non-school sporting events. – *This is a curricular event that is a required portion of the student’s grade. The concert experience is not something that can be replicated in a make-up assignment. These students work for 3 months on this set of music and have only one chance to perform it. Please inform coaches now of concert conflicts.*

2017-2018 Chorus Concert Schedule

- **CHORUS CONCERT –**
 - **Tuesday, October 24th @ 7PM – 6:30 Call –All Groups**
- **CHORUS CONCERT-**
 - **Thursday, December 14th @ 7 PM – 6:30 Call –All Groups**
 - ~This date is changed from the district calendar~
- **CHORUS CONCERT –**
 - **Tuesday, March 20th @ 7 PM, -6:30 Call -All groups**
- **SENIOR VOCAL RECITAL – (not required)**
 - **Tuesday, May 15th @7pm**
- **CHORUS BANQUET – MERTON WILLIAMS MIR**
 - **Thursday, May 24th @ 6:00pm**
- **CHORUS CONCERT –**
 - **Tuesday, May 29th @ 7PM – 6:30 Call – All Groups**
- **GRADUATION – Brockport College**
 - **Saturday June 23rd - @ 2pm (CHOIR REQUIRED ONLY)**

NOTE: Additional performance opportunities may be added to the 2017-2018 concert schedules both required and optional. Any such performance scheduled with at least one month’s notice will be considered required unless there is a school conflict or emergency.

3. Lesson Attendance

20 %

All students enrolled in a music ensemble are **required** to attend small group lessons throughout the year. Weekly schedules will be made available to the students. The only exception is if there is a UNIT TEST, STATE LAB, or EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. Proper notice needs to be given IN ADVANCE of such instances so possible arrangements can be made with instructor.

4. Portfolio

15 %

A variety of work such as online responses, reflections, and other portfolio requirements will be assigned over the course of each quarter.

5. Sight Reading/Quizzes

5 %

Sight Reading assignments will be assigned and completed in class. Periodic checks will be made throughout each quarter.

CONCERT DRESS CODE

DA CAPO SINGERS and MIXED CHORUS

WOMEN: White, **long-sleeve**, button down shirt/blouse
 Black dress slacks (no leather)
 Black, closed-toe shoes

MEN: White, long-sleeve, button down shirt
 Black dress pants
 Black belt
 Black socks
 Black shoes (no sneakers)
 Red tie

WOMEN'S CHORALE AND CHOIR

WOMEN: Black, **long-sleeve**, button down shirt/blouse
 Black dress pants (no leather)
 Black closed toe shoes

MEN: Black, long-sleeve, button down shirt
 Black dress pants
 Black belt
 Black socks
 Black shoes (no sneakers)
 Dark tie

*****Students should obtain concert attire for the first concert by the beginning of October. Students showing up in inappropriate attire will be asked to sit out the performance. Points will be deducted from the concert grade.**

Students singing in Women's Chorale and/or Choir that are also singing in Mixed Chorus should follow the Women's Chorale/Choir dress code. Students in a cappella groups should also wear their major ensemble attire, unless otherwise directed.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

1. At all times students and teachers will treat each other with respect. This is necessary for a creative environment in which we can all develop and enjoy our talents.
2. Class begins promptly. Students are expected to be in their assigned seats when the bell rings. This is an ensemble class. The success of the individual will create the success for the group. Therefore, each individual has influence on how well the ensemble will perform. In order for the group to perform well, the sum of its parts must arrive on time. If we were to waste the first two minutes of each class all year we would lose 360 minutes or 6 hours of class time a year. That is significant time that can be utilized for the betterment of the group.
3. Food and/or drinks (except a bottle of water) are not permitted during rehearsal.
4. **GUM CHEWING IS NOT PERMITTED DURING REHEARSAL.**
5. Students must have all necessary materials: **CHROMEBOOK IS REQUIRED EACH DAY**. Students must also have their chorus folder (provided) and a **PENCIL** (not provided) each class.
6. Folders and music within are the responsibility of each individual student. Checks will be made throughout the year and students with lost music or folders will be held accountable.
7. Each student is asked to bring in **one box of Kleenex** for the year. Last year we went through 108 boxes of tissues.

8. Electronic devices will be used during instructional times for learning purposes. Teacher will lead instruction. Electronic devices will be not be used in the classroom for personal reasons. This means calling, texting, use as an i-pod, internet, or as a paperweight is prohibited UNLESS DIRECTED.

Exceptions: During lunch (as long as a class is not in session), between classes, or during free periods spent in the chorus room, students may use electronic devices reasonably. However, the teacher reserves the right to restrict use at any time.

9. Piano Lab and practice rooms will not be available to students unless a teacher is supervising. Students must ask a teacher to use a practice room even if it is left unlocked.

HILTON HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES

The Hilton High School Choral Department will uphold all district and school wide policies outlined in the student agenda including the tardy to class policy and the district dress code.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. Student will be reminded of classroom policies and given a warning.
2. Student may be given detention if necessary or if the student does not respond to the warning.
3. Call to parent will be made if inappropriate behavior continues.
4. Student will be given a referral, if necessary.

DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING

The music department will partner with the music boosters to provide fundraising opportunities throughout the school year. Possible fundraising options are:

- Music Booster Cards
- Working the Hilton Apple Festival
- Citrus Sale