

Highland Middle School Choir

Guidelines for Membership

1. Individual actions are a reflection of the entire choir. Students must conduct themselves in a manner worthy of membership. This includes following school rules and maintaining passing grades in all courses.
2. An orderly environment is necessary to achieve a high performance level; therefore, proper behavior is required at all rehearsals and events. Please follow these guidelines:
 - a. Be in your seat and ready to learn (with music and pencil) at the beginning of each class period. Students who are late will need a pass from a teacher.
 - b. Food, drinks, or gum are not allowed.
 - c. When the director or another student is speaking, all students are to be quiet and attentive. Disruptive noises, talking or actions are not permitted during class.
 - d. please use the restroom before and after class, the restroom pass will be used for emergencies only.
3. **Attendance at all performances is required.** Performances are the equivalent of an exam for this course. If a student has an unavoidable conflict, his or her parent/guardian should notify Mr. Gibb-Clark by email or in writing as soon as possible before the performance. A written request for absence does not necessarily constitute being excused from the performance.
4. Students should demonstrate proper care for their music and our facility. If students lose or damage their music they will be charged a fee for its replacement.
5. Students should be musically prepared for each rehearsal, having practiced assigned music and completed any written assignments. Bring a pencil to class every day.
6. Students will be graded on the average of daily rehearsal participation, any written assignments, and performance attendance. Extra credit can be given for participating in approved extra choir related events such as private lessons or concert attendance.
7. All students are expected to practice regularly on their own outside of class.

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Welcome back! I am excited and ready to start a new year. I expect this will be a great year for the HMS Choir. Please find guidelines on the reverse side of this page. After reading guidelines and checking calendar dates, please sign and return the attached form to Mr. Gibb-Clark by August 24.

The HMS Choir calendar and information can be found on the highland choirs website, www.highlandchoirs.com. The home page includes a calendar for all choirs grades 6-12. IF you click on the HMS Choir page in the menu then you will find the calendar and any other information pertaining to only the HMS Choir.

6th, 7th & 8th grade choir schedule of upcoming events for 2018-2019:

October 8: Illinois Music Education Association District Auditions(Voluntary Event)

October 15: Fall Choir Concert

November 9: Veterans Day Assembly

December 17: Winter Concert

February 2: HCPA Pancake Breakfast and concert

February 23: Solo Contest at HMS (Voluntary Event)

April 6: District Choir Contest

May 6: Spring Concert

May 16: Tour of the district

Students will wear concert attire for all performances unless notified otherwise. Concert attire for HMS is black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes, and white dress shirt.

Please mark your calendars to avoid conflicts.

Please be sure to join the Highland Chorus Parents Association Facebook page.

**Please fill out and return this information to Mr. Gibb-Clark by
August 24.**

I have received, read and understand the HMS band guidelines. I will plan to attend all performances and follow the guidelines as printed:

Student

signature: _____

Parent

signature: _____