

KENTWOOD CHOIR COURSE EXPECTATIONS 2018-2019

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PARTICIPATION (including concerts) = 60% of grade

Attendance:

For school-related absences and excused absences, there will be no penalty under normal circumstances. Students must be in their seat with music in rehearsal order, music binder, and pencil, ready to begin in order to avoid being given a tardy. If poor attendance becomes a habit, students may be asked to not perform at the concert or upcoming event. Students with an unexcused absence will not be allowed to do an alternative assignment. Students with excused absences will be given one day for each day of absence to make up missed work.

Tardiness affects both the group and the individual's ability to be focused during rehearsal. Since assignments and important announcements are given in the beginning of class, tardiness will affect the student's ability to be successful in choir. Students will be allowed one warning tardy each semester, the second earns a detention. Referrals continue through the school disciplinary program, with the possibility of being dropped from the class. **Students with attendance lower than 90% within a concert preparation timeframe will be asked to not perform with the group.**

Weekly Sectionals (Vocal Ensemble ONLY):

A 30 minute weekly sectional is part of the participation grade. An elected sectional leader will take attendance at each sectional. Attendance is **mandatory** and there are no alternative assignments that can make up this portion of the grade. Practice rooms (in both the Choir Room and in the 100 hallway) will be available. Please document with photo of present members and include a clock in the background of picture.

Concert Participation:

CONCERT ATTENDANCE IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED! Concerts are considered as an exam of all we have learned in class. Advance notice of **unavoidable** conflicts must be given in writing, signed by your parent or guardian and **approved by the director at least ONE WEEK prior to the concert, and ONLY then will a make-up be considered.** Work is never an excuse for missing a concert. Choir members with jobs are expected to ask for the entire day off for the evening concerts. Illnesses will only be excused with a parent's note submitted to the teacher the day the student returns to school. Emergencies will be handled on an individual basis. **Prior participation in class will affect the director's decision whether to allow a make-up.** All unexcused absences from a concert will lower the quarter grade one-letter grade and no make-up work will be allowed. Two or more unexcused concerts and you will be in the danger of failing.

Performances begin with equipment set-up (Vocal Ensemble) or warm-ups and end when all equipment is returned to its proper place (i.e. sound equipment, robes, stage is clean, etc.). Every member is expected to be present for the entire duration of the performance to earn 100% for that performance. Students are asked to sign in and sign out in order to document their arrival and departure. Kentwood Choir members support other performers as model audience members. We applaud when appropriate (no whooping or cat calls), refrain from talking, eating, or drinking during performances, and we treat our performance venue with care (i.e. feet stay on the ground, trash goes in garbage, etc.). All performers must be present at the sound-check (Vocal Ensemble) in order to be eligible to perform.

HOMEWORK = 20%

Music theory worksheets, online practice assessments, as well as research on songs being performed are examples of written homework. Other homework assignments related to the performance of a song would be the memorizing of lyrics, or practicing singing at home.

ASSESSMENTS OF PROGRESS = 20% of Grade

Music theory, singing exams, pronunciation checks, quizzes, will be assessed throughout the year. Singing exams are graded with a balance of effort and ability. **If a student misses an assessment because of absence or tardy, it is the student's responsibility to get any necessary information, copy it down, and request a time to make up the assessment.**

GENERAL CLASSROOM GUIDELINES

1. RESPECT
2. Bring all necessary materials, including sharpened pencils, to class every day.
3. No gum chewing because it inhibits proper vocal technique, and no beverages (water is ok)
4. Be in your assigned seat, with music in rehearsal order, music binder, day planner, and pencil, ready to participate when the tardy bell rings
5. Listen carefully to directions, and follow them the first time they are given.
6. Only "class related" materials should be out during class. Please put away any other distractions (photos, cell phones, make-up etc) that will disturb our rehearsal time.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CHOIR

1. Each student will be assigned a set of **MUSIC**
2. **BLACK 1.5 inch BINDER.** Please write your name **INSIDE** the cover.
3. A **PENCIL** is required at all times. There will be spontaneous pencil checks for participation points. Please keep 3 pencils inside folder in a zipped pouch.
4. The use of a calendar is imperative. Students and families should input all choir events in calendar.

GRMEA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

The Green River Music Region Solo and Ensemble Contest is a challenging learning experience for student musicians of all levels. Participating students will receive a written and verbal critique of their performance, a certificate of achievement and are rated (optional) amongst other students of equal experience. Participation in this contest is **MANDATORY** for Vocal Ensemble members, optional (but strongly encouraged for others). There are entry fees for each solo and ensemble. Entry fees are the student's responsibility. Check your choir calendar for dates.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private voice and piano lessons are offered by outside teachers. Private lessons are strongly encouraged, and many teachers are flexible with tailoring the amount of lessons each month to fit somebody's budget. Payments for lessons will be made directly to your private voice/piano teacher. Students please help yourself to the document on the class bulletin board for this information.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

Students will only be allowed to perform with the group uniform. Families will be responsible for purchasing/renting their student's performance attire. Please let me know if financial assistance is needed. A limited number of Concert Choir/Belle Voix outfits will be available for rental.

RENTAL FEES: Please pay outfit/robe fee by **SEPT 28**. Please hand in receipt to verify payment. All fees need to be paid to the ASB cashier, checks made out to Kentwood High School. You can also pay for these fees online; please bring in a print out of your receipt.

Tuxedo	\$50
Belle Voix/Concert Choir dress	\$45
Robe cleaning fee	\$20

1st Period CHORALE: All students will be assigned a Kentwood Robe.

1. Students will wear clean white t shirt and black bottoms underneath robe.
2. Hair styled away from the face. Bangs need to be out of the eyes.
3. Black leather dress shoes with closed toes. Please no heels over 3.5 inches. Please wear black socks if wearing black slacks. Please do not wear black Toms or sneakers.

0 Hour VOCAL ENSEMBLE

<p>Clothing Style: Dress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please order your dress from www.concertattire.com2. 3 pairs of small black fishnet hose form Nordstrom (3 for \$30)3. High heel shoe as decided as a group4. Hair styled away from the face, natural eye makeup. Please use eyeliner and lipstick.5. Garment bag will be assigned to students.	<p>Clothing Style: Slacks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shirt, Tie and Slacks will be ordered as a group. Please pay Boosters for the amount.2. Black dress socks.3. Black leather dress shoes.4. Hair neat and tidy pulled away from the face.5. Garment bag will be assigned to students.
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Concert Choir and Belle Voix

<p>Clothing Style: Dress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please order your dress from www.stageaccents.com Grandeur #8856 (approx. \$88) *a volunteer will help measure and determine size. Limited sample dresses are available in the choir room. Please hem the dress so that it touches the floor with shoes on.2. Black leather close-toed shoes. Please no heels over 3.5 inches. <u>Please do not wear black Toms.</u>3. Black sheer nylons.4. Hair neat and tidy pulled away from the face.	<p>Clothing Style: Tux</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please order your tux from www.stageaccents.com Premier Tuxedo Ensemble #ENSB (approx. \$105)*a volunteer will help measure and determine size.2. Black leather dress shoes.3. Black dress socks.4. Students will be provided a loaner garment bag for the duration of the school year.
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MUSIC PARENTS

We ask all music parents to support us by attending event-specific meetings and **volunteering to help on at least one special project and/or volunteer 20 hours this year.** Without your help, we will not be able to assist our students in taking responsibility for these special opportunities. I would like to respectfully ask for families to get involved and know that every family situation is different. I will not be tracking participation hours, but would like to see this as an opportunity to invite everyone to get involved and get to be part of this musical experience that is important to your child. Look for information concerning how you can support and get involved in your son or daughter's music education. The Kentwood B# Boosters is a group that supports all things choir at Kentwood High School. Please indicate on the student info sheet what you are interested in volunteering in. If you are interested in getting involved with the Boosters, please email KC Erickson at bsharpboosters@gmail.com or contact Ms. Emans.

Chaperones

I would like to invite those who are interested to chaperone during the year to get your approval done by September 28th. None of my field trips will be approved unless I have the required number of **approved** chaperones. **All chaperones now can take advantage of the streamlined process in becoming a volunteer in the Kent School District and this is now a fully online process which you can do from the comfort of your own home.** This is a wonderful way to get to know your child's friends and to share a piece of his/her school life.

Gone are the days of fingerprinting, disclosure forms, and driver affidavits. This online process needs to be done every year! Click here to volunteer in Kent School District! <http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/volunteer>

RETREAT

This year we are holding a retreat for Vocal Ensemble. ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED and part of the participation grade. Vocal Ensemble Retreat will be held at Fort Flagler with a cost of approx. \$100 per student (to cover lodging). Permission forms and info letters will be sent home separately with the student. We are hoping to sell car wash tickets to offset the cost of this event.

Vocal Ensemble Retreat January 18-20 Start 2:30 pm on Friday, end 8 am on Sunday

Kentwood High School Choirs

2018-2019 Choral Department Contract

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and understand the Course Expectations and agree to the terms. I understand that failing to comply with this contract will significantly impact my grade and may result in dismissal from the class. Signing also recognizes that you have received a tentative Kentwood Calendar for 18-19 school year.

Circle your performing group(s):

Vocal Ensemble (0 Period)

Chorale (1st Period)

Concert Choir (2nd Period)

Belle Voix (3rd Period)

Student Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed

Date Signed

Please return this page of the contract and the student info sheet by

Thursday, September 13th, 2018.

KENTWOOD CHOIRS
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Student Cell #: _____ Home #: _____ Names of

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email of Parent/Guardian: _____

Yes, please add my email to the list of subscribers to the KW Choir Google Calendar.

Parent Cell #: _____

The Choir Program and all its students would not be successful outside of the classroom without parental support. For that reason, we ask parents to volunteer for at least one special project and or 20 hrs during the year to support the program.

Please indicate with an X what you are interested in volunteering for during the 2018-2019 academic year. Please see attached

_____ Hemming Choir Dresses

_____ Help with measuring Ladies/Gentlemen for Concert Attire

_____ I would love to sew a costume for Madrigal Feaste.

_____ I can chaperone a field trip (please check on choir calendar and indicate availability).

Available: _____

_____ I can help organize the Jazz and Just Desserts event.

_____ I can volunteer for the set up or tear down of Madrigal Feaste.

_____ I can volunteer for decorations/table settings for Madrigal Feaste.

_____ I can volunteer for a couple hours in the kitchen for Madrigal Feaste.

_____ Other: _____