

Badger Concert Choir 2024-2025

Director: Mrs. Carpenter

Email: scarpenter@badger.k12.mn.us

Phone: 218-528-3201 Ext. 231

Sign and return the back page to Mrs. Carpenter by Friday, September 6, 2024.

Classroom Objectives

1. Students will study and perform choral music from a variety of musical periods and genres of both a secular and sacred nature.
2. Students will study and engage in healthy and effective methods of vocal production.
3. Students will analyze the text, dynamics, tempo, harmonic and melodic structure, and other expressive musical devices found in the music.
4. Students will practice effective teamwork in a vocal ensemble.

Classroom Expectations

1. Concert Choir students need to be on time and prepared for class. All students are expected to have their own folder, music, and pencil every day.
2. All electronic devices will be stored in the folder rack during class.
3. All students are expected to participate in all concerts and large group contests.
4. All students are accountable for knowing their assigned part in the music.
5. All students are expected to show respect to their peers' learning during rehearsals.

Grading Procedure

Your grade in choir each quarter will be determined by the following criteria:

1. Positive Participation in Rehearsals and Voice Lessons 50% of grade

- Students can earn up to 3 points per day for positive participation and behavior. Students who are absent from class will not earn any points on days that they miss rehearsal and will need to sign up for extra credit voice lessons to earn the missing points.
- Disruptive, dangerous, or off task behaviors, lack of participation, unexcused tardiness, or negative attitude will result in the loss of points and/ or removal from the remainder of the rehearsal and may be subject to detention or further action from the principal.
 - **Lost behavior/participation points cannot be made up.** Students who are absent can make up missing points through attending extra credit voice lessons.

NOTE: Students who are absent for school related activities will not lose points on those days.

- Students will also attend voice lessons as needed throughout the year. Students will be informed about lessons requirements for each quarter at the beginning of the quarter.

2. Demonstration and Mastery of Skills - 50% of grade

-Music Competency (Testing on Concert Music)

-Required Concert and Contest Performances

- Students will be tested each quarter on their overall understanding and ability to sing their concert music. The grade will be based on pitch, rhythm, pronunciation, dynamics, and proper use of vocal technique. These tests will be taken individually.
- All Concert Choir Members are expected to attend all concerts, Music Revue performances, and Large Group Choir Contests. **Any absence from a required performance will result in a zero grade per missed performance.**
 - An **EXCUSED absence can be made up** by performing the music from the concert for Mrs. Carpenter. The make-up performance will need to be done before or after school hours; *lesson times are not to be used for make-up concerts*. All make-up performances must be completed no later than 1 week following the performance. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for making up the grade.
 - In order to make an absence excused, students must either have a parent call the office or Mrs. Carpenter **BEFORE THE CONCERT**. If possible, parents should notify Mrs. Carpenter no later than 2 hours before the concert. Students who have an excused absence from school on the day of a concert will be considered an excused absence from the concert as well.
 - **NOTE:** If a student is ineligible for the large group contest due to academics or a violation of the MSHSL Student Code of Conduct, then they will be allowed to make up the performance, but only for half credit (i.e. a 1 full letter grade reduction of the final quarter grade.)
 - **UNEXCUSED absences cannot be made up.**

3. Extra Credit

- Students can earn extra credit for coming to extra voice lessons throughout the quarter. These lessons will be worth 3 points each. Each make-up lesson lasts for 15 minutes.
 - NOTE: Points lost due to unexcused absences or negative behavior CANNOT be made up with extra credit.
- Students can earn extra credit for singing at events outside of school (National Anthem for games/events, songleading at church, community events/talent shows, etc.)

Concert Attire

When the Concert Choir performs we are not only performing for the audience; we are representing our school to the community and those outside our community. It is important that we look professional in performance to give the best impression we can to our audience. I require that we all dress in the same apparel to give our choir a uniform look. This is the attire that students must be dressed in for all concerts.

- Choir Robes (provided by the school)
- Black Pants, Black Socks / Black Shoes

Performance Dates - (Solo Contest and Choir Contest dates may change)

- | | | |
|-----------|---------|---|
| • Nov. 11 | 10:00am | Veteran's Day Program (wear ALL black clothing) - REQUIRED |
| • Nov. | TBD | Vocal/Instrumental Solo Contests at Hallock - optional gr. 9-12 |
| • Dec 17 | 7:00pm | High School Winter Concert - REQUIRED |
| • Feb. 26 | TBD | Choir Contests in Badger - REQUIRED |
| • April 8 | TBD | Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble Contests at LOW - optional gr. 9-12 |
| • May 7 | 7:00pm | High School Spring Concert - REQUIRED |
| • May 18 | 2:00pm | Graduation |

**SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024.**

**I have read through and understand the policies set forth in the
Badger Concert Choir syllabus and have marked the required
performance dates on my calendar.**

_____	_____	_____
Print Student Name	Student Signature	Date

_____	_____	_____
Print Parent / Guardian Name	Parent / Guardian Signature	Date