

## Freeman High School Choir

Welcome to a new school year! I am so excited for what this year will bring for all of us. I look forward to the time we spend together, creating amazing musical experiences together. As a member of our choir program, there are specific procedures that will be implemented this year:

- Always do your best. We all make mistakes, and singing can be intimidating for some. In my class, this is a safe place to learn together, making mistakes along the way.
- Respect others' efforts. It's fine to laugh at ourselves, but be sensitive to others when they make mistakes as well (we all do!)
- BE ON TIME. I will be taking attendance right after the tardy bell rings. You must be in your place on the risers, with your folder and pencil, or you will be marked tardy.
- No gum or food allowed. Water bottles are fine, in fact I encourage them, to stay hydrated.
- Take proper care of your music and folder. You will be fined for lost or damaged music.
- No one is allowed to leave class, at any time, without permission and a hall pass. If you do, you will lose participation points.
- We abide by the 10/10 rule. You may be excused with a pass 10 minutes after the tardy bell and 10 minutes before the end-of-class bell.
- Each student gets three hall passes each semester, per school policy
- Cell Phones: If I am working with you, there are NO cell phones.

With the above in mind, my grading policy will be the following:

### Participation-----50%

- Being punctual to class and ready to go when the bell rings
- Rehearsal etiquette: Being fully engaged in whatever we are doing (warm-ups, sight-singing, sectionals, etc.)
- Staying in the classroom the whole time
- Not being disruptive to other students

### Quizzes/Assessments-----20%

- We are implementing sight-singing this year, in our endeavor to become musically literate. We will spend time each week learning how to read music and sight-sing, and there will be quizzes every other week. There will also be written quizzes.

### Performances-----30%

- Each member of choir is equally important, and performances are mandatory.

Concert Dates: Wednesday, December 11: Winter Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, HS MPR  
Wednesday, May 27: Spring Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, HS MPR  
Thursday, April 2: EWMEA Large Group Choral Festival, SFCC  
(During the day: there is no school on account of conferences)  
Saturday, June 6: High School Graduation

These dates are also posted on my teacher website.

If other performance opportunities arise, I will notify you as soon as I find out about them.

**Concert Attire:**

Girls: Black pants or skirt (knee level or below), Black or white top, or solid black dress,  
Black shoes

Boys: Black pants, white collared shirt, tie, and black shoes

I am so excited for this year! I have high expectations, both of myself, and every person in our choir. Every student has a voice, and it is my goal to help each one find that voice, and to gain confidence in doing so.

Please fill out and sign the attached form, and return to me NO later than September 6. If turned in on time, you will receive 10 points.

Thank you!

Musically yours,

Mrs. Stefani Peterson

## Freeman Choir Expectations

I have read the above concerning our choir program, and understand the expectations and responsibilities.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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