

7-8 Choir Grading Policies 2009-2010

Chorus members will be graded as follows:

- **Daily Participation: 25%**
 1. A scale of 1 – 10 will be used for this grade.
 2. The score of 10 indicates a student who is prepared, on time and always on task.
 3. Points will be deducted for lateness without a pass.
 4. Points will be deducted for not being prepared. (-3, Parent will be contacted after 2nd occurrence.)
 5. Points will be deducted for off task or disruptive behavior. (-2 for each incidence, Parent will be contacted if a singer loses more than 2 points in one class period in this category.)
- **Class Work: 30%**
 1. Performance activities - such as rhythmic and melodic sight reading, song performance, diction performance, posture/breathing knowledge
 2. Non-performance activities - such as music marking, rhythmic and solfège recognition/markings and any written quizzes of content studied in class
- **Homework: 10%**
 1. Homework will include Ear Training, Notation, Solfège and Recorder worksheets, Grade sheets requiring parent signatures and Practice charts that must also be signed by a parent. Many homework assignments will be posted on www.emmsmusic.com. Students unable to access or download these materials should see Mrs. Pogue for dittos and/or CDs.
- **Choir Notebook: 5%**
 2. Students will maintain a clearly labeled Choir Notebook with all current materials, music, recorder, pencil and paper.
- **Tests and Quizzes: 10%**
- **Concerts: 20%**
 1. If a student misses a concert and is excused, the concert grade will be a “C”. Students may make an appointment to sing the concert selections so that the Concert grade may be raised to a B or an A.
 2. In order to be excused, the student must bring in a note from his/her parent or guardian prior to the concert. Parents may also call or email Mrs. Pogue to discuss the concert absence if this is more convenient. Unexcused absences will receive a grade of 0 (zero)
 3. Excused absences include illness, a family emergency, a family trip that was planned prior to the announcement of the concert date or other situations discussed with Mrs. Pogue prior to the concert.

Parents can access student grades at anytime. Grades will be updated once a week.

Failure to maintain a passing grade in any quarter will result in the student no longer being a member of 7-8 Choir.