

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS SYLLABUS



Expectations

- **Be prepared:** Always come into class ready to learn. Be in your seat by the time the bells ring with your pencil, iPad, chorus folder, and a bottle of water.
- **Be respectful:** Be respectful of your teacher as well as your fellow classmates. There will be a **ZERO BULLYING POLICY**.
- **No gum/food:** Let's keep our room clean! No food or gum during rehearsals, only a bottle of water
- **No phones:** You're not learning if you are on your phone. Phones are a big distraction and interrupt the entire class. All phones go in their slots on the board at the beginning of class.

Grading

- **Performance- 35%**
 - You must attend all performances listed for your choir at the end of the syllabus. If you need to miss a performance you should notify Mrs. Mancilla BEFORE the performance.
 - Only emergencies/family tragedies will be excused absences. If you have a specific situation please have your parents reach out to Mrs. Mancilla to be excused
 - You must be on time and at the performance the entire time for full credit. Support your fellow choirs and show some yellow jacket pride! Also, follow proper concert etiquette (phones OFF, do not leave in the middle of a performance, do not talk during a performance)
 - If a student cannot attend a performance due to behavior a separate assignment will need to be completed doing a critique of that concert for partial credit.
- **Daily Rehearsals- 35%**
 - You will be evaluated on posture while singing, listening, as well as behavior. To earn credit you have to participate.
 - You can receive up to 20 points per day for a weekly grade of 100

- If you have more than 8 absences you will need to come during the exam period
 - Tardiness affects everyone! You will be counted as tardy if you are not in your seat with all supplies by the time the bell rings. If you receive 5 unexcused tardies, parent contact will be made. School policy is 5 tardies=1 absence.
- **Assessment- 30%**
 - This includes assignments during class, tests, quizzes, and any paperwork such as permission forms for field trips. Your first assignment will be having your beginning of the year forms (syllabus, picture release, contact info) signed and turned in so make sure you do that!
 - Late work will be accepted up to one week after the due date for partial credit.

Honors Credit

In order to receive honor's credit towards the semester you must participate in at least one of the extra optional auditions/choirs below. There will be sign up sheets posted as they get closer if you would like to participate

- NC Honor's Chorus
 - All County
 - Mars Hill
 - All State
 - Wingate

Performance Attire

- **Dresses**
 - Dresses are rented from the school. Students will be fitted for a dress with a loose hem that may need to be adjusted. Students should wear black flats with the dress.
 - **Cost to rent a dress is \$20 and is due by September 30th**
 - If you would like to purchase your own dress please let Mrs. Mancilla know and they are \$77
 - If you cannot afford to rent a dress please contact Mrs. Mancilla ASAP
- **Tuxedos**

- tuxedos are rented from the school.
- **Students will need to provide/purchase a wing tipped tuxedo shirt, bowtie, and black dress shoes.** Shirts and ties can be purchased at Bruce's located on South Main st.
- **Cost to rent a Tux is \$10 and is due by September 30th**
- If you cannot purchase these items please contact Mrs. Mancilla ASAP
- If your shirt is too small, bring it to Mrs. Mancilla and she will trade your shirt for a different size.
- **T-shirts**
 - All students are required to purchase a T-shirt to be worn during casual performances.
 - **T-shirts are \$15 and is due by September 23rd**
 - Hoodies are available to purchase for \$25 but are NOT REQUIRED

Performance Dates 1st Semester

Bold performances are all required

- Honors Chorus Auditions at UNCG: September 23rd (Sign-up Optional)
- **Fall Concert Rehearsal: October 4th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- **Fall Concert: October 5th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- **Pops Concert Rehearsal: October 17th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- **Pops Concert: October 18th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- Mars Hill Auditions at Mount Tabor: October 20th (optional)
- All County at Oak Grove: October 23rd-24th (Optional by audition)
- Honors Chorus Event at downtown Winston Salem: November 5th-6th (selected by audition)
- Salemtowne: Friday December 9th 7pm (Ensemble)
- **Winter Concert Rehearsal: December 12th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- **Winter Concert: December 13th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- Musical Auditions: December 15th and 16th
- Holiday House: TBD (Ensemble)
- Timberlake Gallery: Saturday, December 17th 12 pm (Ensemble)

Performance Dates 2nd Semester Dates

Bold Performances are all required

- Wingate Choral Festival: January 27th-28th (optional fall auditions)
- Mars Hill Audition: February 17th-18th (optional by fall audition)
- Musical TBD: February 19th-25th (Optional by audition)
- **MPA: March 8-10th (Ensemble and Concert Choir at WFU during school)**
- BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: March 27th Auditorium
- **Elementary school concert: TBD (Concert Choir) during school**
- **Spring Concert at civic center: May 5th (All Choirs REQUIRED)**
- **Kiwanis: Thursday May 11th YMCA 12:30 (Ensemble)**
- **Salemtowne: Friday, May 12th 7pm (Ensemble)**
- **Graduation: June 9th (Ensemble)**

If you would like to receive updates about chorus please join the following remind class that you or your student is a part of!

Ensemble: @ensemllshs **Concert Choir:** @cchoirlshs **Vocal music:** @vocmusllshs

I look forward to a great semester making music with you all!



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**Parent/Student Confirmation
Student**

I _____ have read the contents of the Lexington High School Chorus Handbook and other attached materials. I have also taken the time to make note of all current performance and rehearsal dates and times as listed on the LSHS Choral Department Calendar. I understand that if there are any conflicts I must provide Mrs. Mancilla with a note at least 3 weeks in advance. Mrs. Mancilla will assess each individual situation to determine whether it is excused or unexcused. Pre-planned absences will only be excused under extraordinary Circumstances.

Student Name printed: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Signature: _____

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Parent Name printed: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent cell: _____ Parent Home: _____

Parent Signature: _____

This confirmation page is to be completed and turned into Mrs. Mancilla by September 2nd. This assignment is worth one assessment grade and the student will lose 10 points each day for up to 5 days after September 2nd if it is not returned.

Photo/video Permission

Students in the choral program have several occasions where they are photographed or videoed for educational purposes.

The Lexington city schools chorus website is www.lexingtonchorus.com. It is a valuable tool that assists us in communicating with students and parents; has practice materials for students and has photos and video clips of concerts and chorus events.

We would like to post both group and individual photos of chorus events, class pictures and videos of our concerts. No student's names are used for identification.

Please check and sign the slip below.

_____ My child may be recorded for educational/assessment purposes and I understand that they may appear on the LCS Chorus webpage but will not be identified by name.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent name: _____

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