



The Singers at Dutchtown

**Treble Choir / Women's Ensemble / Select Women's Ensemble
Men's Ensemble / DHS Concert Choir**

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Areas of Study:

Chorus classes at Dutchtown High are geared toward student development through the performance of varied choir and solo literature. The goals of this class are development & mastery of a characteristic fundamental singing tone quality, singing posture & breath support, ear training (major, minor & chromatic intervals), sight-singing skills, singing foreign languages, and ensemble performance skills through performance in both large and small ensemble settings.

Chorus Grading Policy:

10% Homework/Music Check-offs/Memorization
40% Class work/Daily Participation/Sight-singing Quizzes
50% Performance Attendance/Special Projects/ Unit Tests/ Final Exams/After School Rehearsals

Absence Policy:

Classwork: If an absence is un-excused, the student receives no credit, but may make-up his/her assignment minus 15pts. Each additional week late is minus 10pts per week. No awards will be given at the end of the year if a student has an un-excused absence from a concert. If an absence is excused, the student will have 3 days to make-up any missed class work.

Rehearsal Expectations:

Students must attend all rehearsal to participate in performance opportunities. **If student miss rehearsal unexcused they will submit a research paper to replace their performance assessment and will not perform.** Excused absence will have to pass off on rehearsal music before concert to get clearance to perform. If student does not pass the clearance, they will complete an alternative assignment to replace assessment grades.

Performance: If an absence is excused for a performance or special project, the student must sing his/her part on every piece of music for the performance. This should be recorded on a cd/mp3 with-out Accompaniment and **turned in with-in 3 days of the concert.**

Unexcused absence will result in a zero under the exam/assessment category.

Tardy: Please aim to communicate at least 30mins in advance. (Safety is 1st, Timeliness is 2nd)

Tardiness 1-20mins late can result in extra or alternative assignments.

Tardiness in excess of 20mins will be treated as an unexcused absence.

Behavior Expectations:

Due to the large size of the ensemble and the difficulty of the curriculum (music), student behavior must be exemplary. Lack of engagement and or negative attitudes will not be tolerated in our choral music family. Students must display excellent behavior at school and performance venues. **Serious infractions and or continuous patterns of negative behavior can result in student referrals and or withdrawal from the choral music program**

Technology Expectations:

Students will use technology in class at various times to develop their vocal techniques & receive instructions, however students must be respectful and only use technology at the designated times assigned by director. Lack of focus or disrespect in the use of technology can result in confiscation and release to parent during parent conference. Continued lack of following technology rules can result in referral and or withdrawal from the choral music program.

Concert Attire:

Students must wear the appropriate concert attire to perform at any event. **If students are out of dress expectations, they will not be able to perform and will have to do an alternative assignment to make up performance grade.** Maximum grade earn will be a 75%. Students are still expected to attend event and will assist in other activities that are essential to the success of the performance.

Supplies Needed: Black 3 Ring Binder, Pencil, And Dry Erase Marker.

Choral Dues: Due in Full August 22

Program dues are mandatory

Returning students \$35

New Ladies \$110.00 (this monetary support includes the purchase of concert attire)

New Men \$150.00 (this monetary support includes the purchase of concert attire)

Communication Plan:

Singers of Dutchtown primary communication system is Remind 101.

Activities & Performance Calendar will be posted to my teacher website and updated on a monthly.

Also a Monthly Newsletter will be texted by Remind 101 to parents & students and will also be posted on my teacher website.

Concert Prices: Tickets will be sold for all concerts.

2 days or more = \$1 per student Ages 17 – 4 / \$2 Per Adult (3 & Under Free)

1 day before / Concert Day = \$3.00 Ages 4 & Up (3 & Under Free)

I understand and agree to adhere to the course requirements and expectations outlined in the course syllabus. I also understand I may contact Mr. Derwin Davis at Dutchtown High School with any questions or concerns I may have.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date