

# Hayfield Concert Choir Handbook

2020-2021



Concert Choir Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to Concert Choir! I'm very excited each of you have chosen to be a part of this ensemble.

This handbook's purpose is to outline this year's schedule, expectations, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the handbook as it is a great place to refer back to throughout the year and has a great deal of information.

After reading through the handbook, please sign your concert schedule/letter sheet and hand back in during class time. The handbook is available on my classroom website, Moodle and Teams. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through phone, email, or just stop in the choir room.

I'm very excited to see (and hear 😊) you all again!!

Sincerely,

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## **Concert Choir**

This ensemble is a mixed choir composed of 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders and is the top choir at HHS. This ensemble will perform a variety of music. Throughout the year, choir members will be performing at concerts, festivals, and contests outlined in the choir calendar. Students in Concert Choir are expected to participate in all required concerts and weekly lessons.

## **Viking Singers**

Viking Singers is an auditioned ensemble open only to concert choir members. This ensemble is extra-curricular. Auditions will take place the second week of school. This small group will have the opportunity to perform a variety of music. Viking Singers will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school from 7:15-7:55 am.

## **Grading**

Grading for this class will follow the HHS grading system.

### **Summative (75%)**

- Concerts
- Concert Evaluation Assignments
- Singing assessments (quarterly during lessons)
- Sight Singing Assessments (quarterly during lessons)

### **Formative (25%)**

- Daily rehearsal technique (DRT)
- Personal DRT sheets
- Worksheets/Journal entries
- Lessons

### **Course Final**

- Vocal Assessment/Sight Singing Final

### **Grading Scale**

A	100-94
A-	94-90.9

B+	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B-	80-83.9
C+	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C-	70-73.9
D+	67-69.9
D	64-66.9
D-	60-63.9
F	59.9-0

## Choir Goals & Expectations

### Goals

- Develop a musical experience that enhances students' overall educational experiences
- Grow as a musician and vocalist
- Understand the connection between music, its purpose, and cultural and historical contexts
- Develop proper vocal technique
- Develop a higher level of music literacy
- Analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances
- HAVE A FUN CHORAL EXPERIENCE!!!

### Expectations

- **Participate** to the best of your ability *every single day*
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude**. **Be on time** during class and concerts with appropriate materials needed.
- At the end of class, **clean up** your surrounding area.
- **Get rid of gum and food** when entering the room. Water bottles are allowed.

### Covid-19 Singing guidelines

- The state and school have set guidelines specific to singing to keep our students safe. Students will be socially distanced 6 feet apart both indoors and outdoors while singing. Students will also be masked when singing indoors. We will be singing outdoors as much as the weather permits.

### Online Expectations (Netiquette)

- Follow expectations posted above. Remember, our online learning tools are an extension of our classroom. You are still expected to be respectful and kind.
- Check in with teacher at the beginning of class
- Stay engaged
- Mute your mic if not speaking in video call
- Use chat to raise hand to share ideas or ask questions
- Only add conversation to Teams when asked. This is a space for the entire class to see important updates from Mrs. Lynch.
- Use the chat to ask questions



## Concerts

**\*\*Concerts may look a bit different this year with the Covid-19 restrictions. Please note that all performances are subject to change. Depending on the restriction at each given time we may need to alter performances as needed.**

Performances are a major part of your summative assessment grade. **All performances bolded in the below schedule are graded and require attendance.** Concert expectations and grading rubric will be given and explained before each concert.

### **Absences**

**Excused absences:** Excused absences include personal illness, family emergency, and unavoidable family trip (made before the beginning of school year). If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. These absences may be made up by individual performance of your part of the concert music sung for Mrs. Lynch. Remember work or lack of transportation are not considered an excused absence. Make sure to plan ahead.

**Unexcused absences:** An unexcused absence are absences not verified from a parent or guardian. These absences will be made up with an alternative concert assignment and an individual performance of you part of the concert music.

### **Concert Dress**

For most performances, students will wear their choir robes. However, there will be times where dress attire will be expected.

Under robes students should wear: Black dress pants, dress shirt, black socks, and closed-toed black dress shoes

**\*\*If you do not have and are unable to get any of the dress clothing items required, notify Mrs. Lynch at least 2 weeks before the first performance.**

## **Music Awards**

There are many opportunities for students to pursue and receive special music awards throughout the year.

**Choir Letter-**To earn a choir letter, students must

1. Be a member of the Concert Choir for the full academic year.
2. Meet the guidelines for the choir curriculum (Earning an A- or higher for academic grade in all four quarters)
3. Do at least two of the following
  - a. Perform a solo at small group contest and receive a superior or excellent rating
  - b. Participate in an HVL Honor Choir or other Vocal Festival
  - c. Other approved performances or participation by Mrs. Lynch
  - d. Sing the national anthem at a school event. (solo or with a group)

**Viking Singers-** To earn a Viking Singers Letter, students must

1. Be a member of Viking Singers for the full academic year
2. Sing the national anthem at a school sponsored event
3. Do two of the following
  - a. Perform at small group contest and received a superior or excellent rating
  - b. Participation in an Honor Choir or Vocal Festival
  - c. Other approved performances or participation approved by Mrs. Lynch

**Small Group Contest Metals and Certificates**

Students that participate in small group contest and receive an excellent or superior rating will be rewarded with a certificate and/or metal.

### **Choir awards**

*Vocalist Award* - Given to a choir member that displays outstanding vocal talent, leadership and dedication.

*Hayfield Choral Award*-Given to two graduating seniors for outstanding attitude, leadership and dedication to the choral program.

*Da Capo Award*- Given to a first year singer who has made a significant contribution to the choir.

*Frederick Chopin Piano Award*- Given to a graduating pianist who has enhanced the choral program through their exceptional abilities as an accompanist.

## **Choir Officers**

This year we will have choir officers and section leaders selected from the Concert Choir. These roles will give students the opportunity to play a leading role in their choir's success.

### ***Includes (but not limited to)***

**Choir President**- Supervises all officer activities and helps with organizing special projects when needed.

**Choir Vice President**- Assists the president, acts in place of president if absent, and helps with organizing special projects when needed.

**Choir Secretary**- Handles official communications and assists with attendance.

**Section Leaders**- Assist section with learning their parts, address any musical or rehearsal concerns that the section has. Selected by Mrs. Lynch.

**Librarian**-Prepares new music for distribution and helps distribute and collect music and repair music as needed.

**Stage Manager**- Assists with recruitment and coordinating volunteers for stage set-up and tear-down for events.

**Photographer/Publicist**-Photographs choir activities and assists with publicity for choral events.



## Hayfield High School Choir Calendar 2020-2021

\*\* This is our tentative choir schedule for the year. Depending on Covid restriction at the times of each event, changes will be made. When changes are made, I will email all students and parents with the changes. The changes will also be see in Teams and on the school website.

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm	Holiday Concert	HHS
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm	Gopher Conference Honor Choir	WEM
TBA	All Day	Small Group Contest	TBA
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Midwinter Concert	HHS
April 1st	All Day	Large Group Contest	Stewartville

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Viking Singers Show	HHS
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b> (with Sr. High Band)	<b>HHS</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Baccalaureate</b>	<b>HHS</b>
<b>May 28th</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Graduation</b>	<b>HHS</b>

**Bolded events are required for all concert choir members.**