

**Shamokin Area Middle/High School Senior High Choral Music  
2016-17**

**GRADING POLICY: CHORUS/CHORALE**

***Choral Department grades will be determined by the following factors:***

***Individual/ensemble performance:*** balance and blend, intonation, technique, musicianship, written work, effort, and attitude.

***Public Performance:*** any performance for an audience of any size at any level.

***General Grade Breakdown per marking period:***

Daily participation grade: 10 points (approx. 400 points)

District-Required Quarterly Writing Sample: 15 points

(2) Quarterly Bell Ringer Notebook Checks: 10-15 points per check

Bell Ringer Quizzes (1-2 per marking period): 20-40 points each

Sight-Singing Testing (Chorale/Musicianship ONLY): 10-30 points each

\*Pre/Post-Test: 50 points

\*\*Concert: 100 points per concert

*\*Pre- and Post-Tests are only given in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods.*

*\*\*Typically no concerts in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> marking periods (subject to change).*

***Daily Grade Rubric***

Each student can earn up to 10 participation points per day. To earn the full 10 points, the student is expected to

- Participate in full in all vocal and class activities (including written work)
- Apply all singing concepts and skills
- Show exemplary work and behavior at all times, including following of class rules

The following **will** result in a lowering of the daily grade:

- Use of a cell phone during the class period
- Food/drink in class (other than water)
- Disrespectful behavior toward the teacher or another student
- Not having assigned folder/music/pencil/bell ringer notebook for class
- Doing other work, talking, or otherwise not participating in rehearsal activities