

Frontier Middle School Chorus Handbook 2021-2022

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Welcome to Frontier Middle School Chorus

Welcome to Chorus!

As we begin a new school year, we are looking forward to sharing our love of Choral music with you! This year at FMS promises to be a great one! We are all here because we love to sing! Chorus will promote musical growth, confidence, literacy, vocal technique, music proficiency, and of course, the enjoyment of singing!

Classroom Expectations

PLEASE BE READY TO SING!

- ~Please make sure you only sit in the designated areas
- ~Please make sure you have your music folder for all rehearsals.
- ~Bring a pencil to mark your music.
- ~ Participate in all warm-up activities.
- ~Please don't talk during rehearsal. It distracts others. You also do not want to miss any important information.
- ~ Please make sure you take all of your belongings with you and return your chorus folders to their appropriate area.

Grading and Policies

40% Rehearsal Participation

Every Voice Counts. We are a team !

Remember. You are Needed your voice is an important part of our whole choral ensemble. Importance is placed on an individual's ability to function as a member of the section, show self-discipline during rehearsal and devote him/herself to the task at hand. Class participation can earn a student participation points for each rehearsal. Please put forth your best efforts. All members are expected to participate fully while rehearsing music, any vocal warm-up and sight singing activities or assignments linked to our rehearsal process.

50% Concert participation

Concerts here at the Middle school are mandatory. Normally we have two concerts (Winter/Spring) per-school year. This year however we will also be involved in the Choral Spectrum concert in March. After working together so hard I am confident that everyone will make their best effort to attend. If you miss a performance due to illness/family emergency you are exempt. If you have to miss a concert for another reason. A make-up assignment might be necessary.

10% Quarterly singing or written evaluation

There will be one required individual or small group written and or singing evaluation for each marking period.

Concert Dates: 2021-2022

Winter Concert: Tuesday, December, 14th 2021

Grade 7 chorus only-6:00 p.m.

Spectrum Concert: Thursday, March 17th 2022

Choral Spectrum 7:00 p.m.

(Grade seven night)

Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 18thth 2022

Grade 7 chorus only -6:00 p.m.



Concert Dress

All concert dress must adhere to the FMS Dress code policy

Ladies: Black skirts or pants. White blouses; black dress shoes and dark stockings.

Gentlemen: Black dress pants; white dress shirt and dark tie; black dress shoes and dark colored socks.

Other Important Festival and Audition opportunities 2021-2022

Here are some highlights!! Be sure to check our web pages and chorus room board for additional opportunities.

FMS Musical Auditions for Elf Jr.: Tues., September 28th and Wed. 29th 2021

Area-All State chorus Festival (teacher recommendation)

November 5th and 6th 2021

November 18th and 19th 2021 FMS Musical

Jr. High All County Chorus Auditions Grade 7 and 8

Saturday, January 8th 2022-Depew High School

March 18 and 19th 2022 ECMEA -All County Jr. High Festival (7th 8th)

~NYSSMA Solo festival May 2022 Frontier High School

For additional information and practice tracks: Check out the FMS Chorus Website: **Here are three of the songs we will be working on. You can also access the music by going to our website at:**

<https://frontierschorus.weebly.com/>



Please sign/ return this page only to Ms. Mis
by September, 27th 2021

Student Name: _____ **Period/Day:** _____

Parents: I have read the chorus course description that includes all participation expectations and policies. I understand the requirements for my child to have a successful year in Chorus.

Parent Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Students: I have read the chorus course description that includes all participation expectations and policies. I understand the requirements to ensure my success.

Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____

What is the name of the FMS Chorus Website? _____