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HUTCHINSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL  
DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK  
2016-2017



Varsity Singers  
Tiger Chorus  
Concert Choir  
New World Singers

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## Mission Statement

The HHS Choral Department is dedicated to developing musicians with goals of excellence and pride. Students will be sufficient in all musical aspects and have the ability to connect it to the greater community. Students will not only develop as musicians but as people. Students will create an environment to strive for excellence and pride. Students will move forward with urgency and purpose. Students will create ownership within themselves for the outcomes they achieve.

## Varsity Singers

The Varsity Singers is made up of 9th graders and meets every day during 3<sup>rd</sup> block. This ensemble sings a variety of music over the course of several concerts. Varsity Choir is also the choir in which students begin to sing high school level literature. This music can be exciting, challenging, and rewarding. Members are encouraged to participate in choir all three trimesters. **Note: Because of an inconvenient trimester change all 1<sup>st</sup> trimester students will also perform in the Fall Concert which takes place right after the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. This year the first trimester ends on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Concert is on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The grade for this concert will be marked as incomplete until the concert is completed.**

## Tiger Chorus

Tiger Chorus is made up of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. During the course of several concerts Tiger Chorus performs music in a variety of styles. The music Tiger Chorus performs reflects the musical maturity gained during the previous year in Varsity Choir and further continues an emphasis on excellent technique in high quality music making. Members of Tiger Chorus are encouraged to be in choir all three trimesters if possible. **Note: Because of an inconvenient trimester change all 1<sup>st</sup> trimester students will also perform in the Fall Concert which takes place right after the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. This year the first trimester ends on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Concert is on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The grade for this concert will be marked as incomplete until the concert is completed.**

*This ensemble is chosen on the basis of a placement process in the spring. Membership is determined on the needs of students, the ensemble, and the music department rather than the desire of students. The expectation is that students are to accept placement in the ensemble to which they are assigned.*

## Concert Choir

Comprised of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, the Concert Choir meets daily during 1<sup>st</sup> block. This ensemble performs a wide variety of music over the course of several concerts. This ensemble emphasizes a refinement musical artistry and nuance.

Members of Concert Choir are expected to be in choir all three trimesters if possible. **Note: This is a YEARLONG course. All students are expected to enroll ALL 3 TRIMESTERS; any exceptions are to be determined by the director and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Membership in this ensemble is not guaranteed from year-to-year and all members must audition in the spring.** *Membership is determined on the needs of students, the ensemble, and the music department rather than the desire of students. The expectation is that students are to accept placement in the ensemble to which they are assigned.*

## New World Singers

Membership in New World Singers is determined by audition and this ensemble is open to 10th, 11th, 12<sup>th</sup>, and, in certain cases, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Auditions will be held in the Fall and members will be expected to participate in the ensemble during the course of the entire season. New World Singers performs more advanced music ranging anywhere from Pop, Jazz, Classical, World Music, and so on. This ensemble is featured during the Hutchinson Boogie Night along with the Jazz Band. Members of this ensemble are expected to adhere to an attendance policy of no more than 3 unexcused rehearsal absences. Additional absences may result in expulsion from the group. Students are *strongly* encouraged to audition for this group!

## Other Opportunities

There are various other opportunities for an HHS choral music student. Such opportunities are the MN All-State Choir, the Dorian Vocal Festival (during permitted years), regional honor choirs and Solo/Ensemble Contest.

## Expectations

1. Sing as you are instructed to do so at all times.
2. Use the restroom or drinking fountain BEFORE coming to class. You're passing time is long, please use it wisely
3. Talk to the teacher if you need to leave the class for any reason.
4. Come to class empty handed (leave purses and bags in lockers).
5. Only water is allowed in the music room. All other beverages or food items need to remain in your lockers. We've spilled enough coffee to supply a Starbucks.
6. **Phones and other electronic devices should be kept put away *unless required by teacher request.***
7. Come to class prepared. You must have a pencil, and your music and folder.
8. Keep talking to a minimum. Refrain from talking when instruction is being given.
9. Respect for the choir, your peers, your director, and yourself is mandatory. If that doesn't occur, we can't reach our maximum potential. Seriously.

## Attendance and Policies

### Rehearsal

Rehearsal is your class. HHS attendance policies apply.

### Performance

You are required to be at **ALL** performances. Please use the schedule you receive to fill out the dates in your calendars and your agendas immediately. Plan accordingly for family trips and test such as the ACT. If there is a sports conflict, please let Mr. Moe know immediately; your directors and coaches will always work out the situation.

## Performance Attire

### *School Provides Robe and Stole*

Please Note: All performance attire must adhere to school dress codes.  
Our concerts are considered formal events and therefore we dress accordingly.

### *Concert Choir*

Men: Black dress pants (not jeans); black **dress** shoes; black socks; any color T-shirt; choir robe; gold stole with black lettering.

Women: Shorts; any color T-shirt; black, **closed-toe** shoes with a heel of one inch or less; choir robe; gold stole with black lettering.

### *Tiger Chorus*

Men: Black dress pants (not jeans); black **dress** shoes; black socks; any color T-shirt; choir robe; black stole with gold lettering.

Women: Shorts; any color T-shirt; black, **closed-toe** shoes with a heel of one inch or less; choir robe; black stole with gold lettering.

### *Varsity Singers*

Men: Black dress shirt; black dress pants (not jeans); black **dress** shoes; black socks; any color tie.  
Women: Black top; black skirt or slacks (not leggings or yoga pants); black, **closed-toe** shoes with a heel of one inch or less.

## Music Trips

Every three years the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior members of Band and Choir take a trip to a larger city. Fundraising opportunities will be offered to help students pay for this trip if desired. Students going on the trip must be enrolled in Choir and/or Band all 3 trimesters. Any exceptions to that must be taken up on a case-by-case basis with Mr. Moe or Mr. Kleindl.

## Leadership Positions

**President:** This position is voted on by the Concert Choir members and is the primary student-representative of the choral department. This student is responsible for taking attendance for the ensemble and other duties as assigned. This position must be filled by a Senior.

**Vice-President:** This position is voted on by the Concert Choir members. The Vice-President assists the president/steps in when the president is not available, is responsible for keeping meetings running smoothly and timely if need be, and other duties as assigned. This position may be a Senior or Junior.

**Members at Large:** These positions are members of the Tiger Chorus and Varsity Singers and are voted on by those ensembles. Each choir will have two Members at Large who are to act as representatives of their ensembles.

## Music Boosters

All parents of Hutchinson Music Students are encouraged to become members of the H.H.S. Music Boosters. This group of caring and dedicated parents/guardians works to support the Hutch music students financially and with volunteer work. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.

## Grading

**Concerts = 50%**

**Singing Test = 20%**

**Solfege/Sight Singing = 10%**

**Weekly Work = 10%**

**Lessons = 10%**

## 2016-2017 H.H.S. Music Events

You will be notified of any changes to this schedule

*Italicized events are required for all choir students (except for Large Group Vocal contest and graduation).*

Date	Event	Location	Time
Oct. 26	H.M.S. Musical Matinee	H.S. Auditorium	8:00 am
Oct. 27	H.H.S. Musical	H.S. Auditorium	7:00 pm
Oct. 28	H.H.S. Musical Matinee	H.S. Auditorium	8:00 am
Oct. 29-30	H.H.S. Musical	H.S. Auditorium	7:00 pm
Nov. 7	Fall Band Concert	H.S. Auditorium	7:00 pm
Nov. 21	<i>Fall Choir Concert</i>	<i>H.S. Auditorium</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
Dec. 19	<i>Holiday Concert</i>	<i>H.S. Auditorium</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
Feb. 6	Mid-Winter Band Concert	H.S. Auditorium	7:00 pm
Feb. 13	<i>Mid-Winter Choir Concert</i>	<i>H.S. Auditorium</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
Mar. 6	Large Group Band Contest	Mankato West H.S.	tbd
Mar. 13	<i>Large Group Vocal Contest (T.C. and C.C.)</i>	Chaska H.S.	<i>tbd</i>
Mar. 24	Solo/ensemble contest	MN State U Mankato	tbd
Apr. 10	region 2aa jazz fest		tbd
May 1	Spring Band Concert	H.S. Auditorium	8:00 pm
May 8	<i>Spring Choir Concert</i>	<i>H.S. Auditorium</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
May 12	Swing In to Spring	Crow River	8:00 pm
May 26	Fine Arts Awards	H.S. Auditorium	7:00 pm
Jun. 5	<i>Graduation (Concert Choir)</i>	<i>H.S. Gymnasium</i>	<i>1:00 pm</i>

## Lettering and Points

Students have the opportunity to letter in choir. More information will be given out later in the year. Please know that simply being in choir does not automatically result in a choir letter.

## Acknowledgement Form

Fill out the form found at this link: <http://tiny.cc/471zdy>