

Auburn Junior High School

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AJHS Choir Program Syllabus

Objectives:

- To cultivate a passion for music, singing, and performing
- To grow in knowledge of music, vocal technique, & performance confidence
- To work together as a team to perfect and perform challenging repertoire
- To confidently convey the message of our music to the community

Requirements:

- Maintain good grades and good behavior to participate in choir
- Stay focused and work hard during rehearsal with <u>maturity</u> and <u>discipline</u>
- Work as a team with your director and choir and always be uplifting to each other
- Strive to become a better musician every day and be willing to leave your comfort zone
- Attend ALL scheduled after-school rehearsals, performances with formal hair/ makeup/ no nail polish, and keep up with costumes (Major Grades)

Choir Room Policies:

- Be a kind, positive, and hard-working choir student at all times
- Let Mr. Holt know if you are having a bad day or if you need help with anything
- No gum, food, drinks, or cell phones allowed out during instruction time
- Keep the choir room clean and keep up with your belongings
- Be completely focused during rehearsal (no talking or working on anything else)

Consequences:

- Bi-weekly Focus grade will be lowered
- Conference in teacher's office and Parent notification
- Detention/ office referral (Office referrals, ISS, Ds or Fs in any classes, or skipping 2
 rehearsals before a performance will prevent you from traveling to any field trips)

Grading:

- 40% Minor Grades
 - Bi-weekly Focus Grade (staying focused and working hard during rehearsal)
 - o In-class Assignments/ Homework Assignments as needed
- 60% Major Grades
 - o Monthly Vocal Part Checks in sectionals or as a schoology assignment
 - After-school Rehearsals & Performances (Missing will result in a 0 grade)
 - Valid excuses require a parent email/ doctor's note for sickness, family emergency, & school related sports/events that Mr. Holt <u>PRE</u>-approves <u>NOT for homework, family dinners/ trips- CHECK OUR SCHEDULE</u>

Choir Fee per choir: \$250 for ADRENALINE, \$200 for AUDACITY, \$100 for ANTHEM – DUE by

OCTOBER 6th (we will also do a mandatory fundraiser that helps keep these costs down)

- Covers choir t-shirt, costumes for multiple performances, professional accompaniment,
 choreography, & show choir competitions/charter buses (Adrenaline/Audacity show choirs)
- Pay on MySchoolBucks in installments of your choice, or cash or check made out to AJHS
 please email Mr. Holt <u>before the deadline</u> if you have questions, concerns, or need to pay
 after the deadline (I am very flexible with this if we communicate)