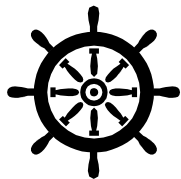


# SOUTH PARK CHOIRS



## HANDBOOK



Voices navigating a course towards *MUSICIANSHIP*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE AND PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

FOLDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## GRADING POLICY

Full Participation in class is necessary to be successful and therefore plays a crucial role in both the scholastic and effort grades. All grades are given a point value. The weight of each category is as follows:

### Scholastic Grade

- 40% Daily classroom/rehearsal participation (three points possible per day)
- 1.) Being prepared and on time for class  
(Having planner, choir folder, & pencil)
  - 2.) Being on task/participating in all class activities
  - 3.) Being a positive, cooperative, and involved member of the choir  
(follow classroom rules)
- 40% Concert/ rehearsal attendance
- 20% written tests, quizzes, or projects

### Effort Grade

- 40% Daily classroom/rehearsal participation (three points possible per day, see above description)
- 40% Concert/rehearsal attendance
- 20% Completion of homework  
(Written assignments, music journal entries, and voice tests/placements)

Know that your grade **is not** affected by the basic quality of your vocal instrument. Don't be afraid to sing out!

Know that your grade **is** affected by lack of effort to improve the quality of the voice by chewing gum or talking during rehearsals, not completing required work, and unexcused absences from rehearsals and concerts.

## SOUTH PARK SCHOOL WIDE GRADING SCALE

90 - 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

70 - 79 = C

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

The following materials are necessary for success in the choral music class.

- South Park Planner
- Choir binder with dividers
- Pencil for marking music and journaling
- Blank tape for recording

## ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES

Part of being in a music class involves performances outside of the regular school day. Performances are a culmination of student work and are similar to final exams in other classes; however, missing a performance not only affects the attendance grade of the individual, but the success experienced by the entire group as well.

EVERY SINGER IS IMPORTANT!

Reasons to be excused from a performance include:

- Student illness
- Emergency
- Unavoidable conflict

An alternate assignment will be given to any student who misses a performance. Students who complete the alternate assignment and bring a written excuse within one week of the concert date will not be penalized on their grade average.

## CONCERT DRESS

A uniform dress code for all choir members gives a performing group a more professional appearance and allows the audience members to concentrate on the music rather than on the individual appearance of its audience members. Concert Dress unifies the choir and adds to the exciting experience of a formal concert.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHOIR

Black Pants  
Black socks  
Black shoes  
South Park Choir t-shirts

- T-shirt order form is included in the handbook, please refer to order form for cost and size information. Please return form and payment by October 28, 2005.
- T-shirts purchased for an older sibling may be worn in lieu of purchasing a new shirt.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHOIRS

Ladies:

Black knee length or longer skirt with black colored nylons or  
Black dress pants  
Long-sleeved, white, button down shirt **with collar**  
Flat, black dress shoes

Gentlemen:

Black dress pants (no jeans)  
Long-sleeved, white, button-down shirt **with collar**  
Black shoes

**\*Red ties will be provided for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir members**

**\*Black ties will be provided for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir members**

CONCERT DATES

Thursday, December 8, 2005  
7:30 pm, South Park Gym  
Arrive at 7:00 pm

Winter Concert  
Choirs 6,7,8

Saturday, February 18, 2006  
North High School  
Singers may request times

Solo and ensemble Festival  
members of choirs 7,8

Thursday, March 2, 2006  
7:00 pm, South Park Gym  
Arrive at 6:30 pm

Mini Musical  
Choir 6

Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
7:00 pm, Alberta Kimball Auditorium  
6:30 pm massed rehearsal in the "F" rooms

All-City Choral Festival  
Choir8

Tuesday, April 4, 2006  
7:00 pm, Alberta Kimball Auditorium  
6:30 massed rehearsal in the "F" rooms

All-City Choral Festival  
Choir 7

Thursday, May 25, 2006  
7:00 pm, South Park Gym  
Arrive at 6:30 pm

Spring Concert  
Choirs 6,7,8

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PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS PAGE

This page is intended to let me know that you and your parents have read and understand the material in this handbook. Please sign below to indicate such, and return this part of the page to your Choral Director.

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signature of parent

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signature of student

# SIXTH GRADE CHOIR T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Concert dress for the Sixth Grade Choir includes a South Park Choir T-Shirt, which should be worn for all concert performances this year. To help keep these shirts bright and clean, please wear them ONLY for choir performances.

The student's cost for the t-shirt will be \$8.00. The remaining cost of the shirts is being covered by the profits from our fund-raiser. Students may keep these shirts as their own at the end of the school year.

Please consider that these shirts come in ADULT SIZES medium, large, and X-large, and select an appropriate size for your student. Examples of the choir shirts will be shown in class. Please fill out the slip below and return to school with payment y October 28, 2005. Make checks payable to South Park Choirs.

Thank you for your support of the music program at South Park.

Christina Conn

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RETURN BY OCTOBER 28, 2005

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (adult): Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_

Total due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to South Park Choirs)

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For School Use:      Paid \_\_\_      Date Delivered \_\_\_\_\_

## **District Policy Regarding All Music Classes with Performing Groups**

### **I. Eligibility**

The performing groups at the Oshkosh secondary schools are unique in that they are curricular (taken for credit) and are co-curricular in that the performances are outside of class time, but are an extension of the classroom work and part of the curriculum.

### **II. Academic Requirements**

Membership in a performing group is based upon the following; ability, attitude, and interest. Performances serve as evaluation, final exams, and the culmination of group team effort, which can only be created through this group experience. A list of the dates for required performances will be given to the student well in advance of the required dates.

A. Students must be classified as full-time as defined by Board policy.

B. Students are responsible for any schoolwork missed during the school day due to musical performances or special rehearsals.

### **III. Attendance**

When the group has a performance, attendance is required. Illness and family EMERGENCIES are excusable if approved by the director/principal. Babysitting or work are NOT excusable absences from a required performance. Advance posting of concert dates should preclude conflicts. Unexcused absences will result in a lower grade.

A. Except in case of family emergency, a student must be present at classes on the day of a performance to be eligible to participate. Only permission from the principal or his/her designee will permit a student to compete after missing classes.

B. A student is required to be in attendance the day after a performance or competition unless excused by an administrator/designee.

## 2005-2006 CLASSROOM RULES

### AS CREATED BY THE SOUTH PARK CHOIRS

In order to create a classroom we all want to be in to learn and sing together, we will...

- 1.) Try our best and participate in all class activities!
- 2.) Respect others, not talk when others are talking
- 3.) Be prepared (have materials and be on time)
- 4.) Have the right to pass
- 5.) Keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- 6.) Not laugh at others
- 7.) Have a positive attitude
- 8.) Not chew gum in the classroom
- 9.) Inspire our classmates to do well
- 10.) Respect other people's voices

Just as teachers have expectations for their students, students have expectations for their teachers. These teacher expectations have been identified by the South Park Choir members as being important to their learning, and as their teacher, are important to me.

- 1.) Keep class fun, but educational
- 2.) Keep cool over the little things
- 3.) Be patient
- 4.) Be fair
- 5.) Be understanding
- 6.) Give meaningful homework
- 7.) Teach new things
- 8.) Be interesting
- 9.) Let us know how we are doing
- 10.) Answer our questions thoroughly

## CHOIR ROOM CONSEQUENCES

- Verbal warning, or clear non-verbal warning
- Student will be assigned noon detention with me to discuss repeated behavior and a plan to improve student's action.
- Parent phone call will be made to inform of student's behavior
- Continued inappropriate behavior will result in a green slip detention and meeting with Mr. Carrell
- Removal from class if causing a major disruption in classroom learning