

West Potomac Choirs

Rehearsal and Performance Participation Policy

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As a singer in the WPHS choral department, I will abide by all FCPS policies whenever I am involved with a choral activity, whether it is during the school day, after school, in the community, or on a field trip. My parents and I will read the choral handbook which gives specific guidelines regarding attendance, the choral grading policy, my choral uniform, and other important information.

As a member of the WP Choral Department, I will:

1. Attend all scheduled after-school rehearsals and performances as indicated on the choral calendar

- Place all choral dates in my planner, and notify choral director and coach, sponsor, employer of all conflicts ***in writing at least two weeks in advance***
- I understand that if I do so in a timely manner, Mr. Johnson and the sponsor will resolve the conflict, notify me of the decision, and my grade, athletic standing, or job will not be affected. ***Failure to do so will result in a lower grade.***

2. Arrive on time to all daily class rehearsals, after school rehearsals, and performances.

Arrive 15 minutes early to each after school rehearsal or concert call time.
(eg, 6:30 announced time, arrive by 6:15)

3. Refrain from chewing gum or eating at any time while in the rehearsal room or concert hall. (Water bottles are allowed at all times)

- 1st infraction – warning
- 2nd – written detention
- 3rd parent phone call, after school detention, written assignment
- 4th infraction – one letter grade drop.
- Chewing gum in a performance is subject to dismissal from the stage and immediate “0” for that concert
- No tongue studs allowed at any time in rehearsal or performance.

4. Refrain from bringing Ipods, cell phones, or other electronic devices into the rehearsal or concert hall. Cell phones must remain in purses or backpacks, and turned OFF.

- If a digital/electronic device is used in any rehearsal or concert, it will result in the immediate confiscation of the item, and given to security. Exception will be made if Ipod is required to practice a specific choral assignment in class or a practice room.

5. Follow all rehearsal discipline procedures, including:

- having my music/ pencil at every rehearsal
- sitting or standing with proper posture when singing;
- respecting others and the rehearsal process by remaining quiet unless asked to sing*;
- marking my music in pencil with all directives as indicated by the conductor.

****I will receive a written/and or after school detention for socializing or talking during the rehearsal, realizing that talking disrupts the learning process.***

- 6. **Place all backpacks and non-class items in designated area, away from my choral seat.**
 - Writing personal notes, doing homework assignments, reading books for other classes will result in confiscation of the non-choral related item if being used during rehearsal.

- 7. **Turn in all forms and fees when due**
 - Contract form
 - Field trip permission forms
 - Activity and uniform fees

- 8. **Be responsible for the care of my music folder, music, and choral uniform.**
 - I will pay for the replacement of any lost or damaged music or folder.
 - I will pay replacement costs for any rented or purchased uniform item.

- 9. **I will purchase the required choral uniform and follow the dress code as outlined in the choral handbook. Not doing so will jeopardize my participation in the concert.**

- 10 **I have read and understand the choral grading policy as outlined in the choral handbook, and summarized below.**

Daily Class Participation:	40%
Dress Rehearsals and Concert Performances;	40 %
Class worksheets, quizzes, sightreading	20 %

The Final Exam

Averaged in 4rth quarter grade

Important Reminder:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONE USE / TEXTING - PERMITTED AT ANY TIME DURING CHORAL REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS.** All FCPS policies will be in force. The cell phone will be confiscated and given to security if use is discovered during rehearsal. If used in a dress rehearsal or concert, cell phone will be confiscated, and student will be dismissed from the stage or concert hall, and receive a “0” for the event, with no makeup opportunity.



West Potomac Choral Participation Policy – Signature Form

Choir: Symphonic Women Mixed Chorus Women’s Ensemble

RETURN FOR 100 POINTS CREDIT by _____

We have read and acknowledge receipt of the WP Choral Participation Policy.

Student name(print)

Student signature Date _____

Parent name (print) Date _____

Parent signature

Parent email: _____

Parent cell phone _____ work phone