

**Wheeler Middle School Chorus**  
**Events Calendar & Course Expectations**  
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Welcome to the 2018-2019 Wheeler Choir Season! Please review the calendar of events and attendance policy below. Students should plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to most events. **Please be flexible as dates/times may change due to building project demands.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 4, 2018</b>	<b>Wheeler Middle School Winter Concert</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Fri. May 3, 2019	Adjudication & Six Flags Trip (7th & 8th grade only)	All Day
<b>May 9, 2019</b>	<b>Wheeler Spring Chorus Concert</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Weds. June 12, 2019</b>	<b>Wheeler HS Graduation (8th grade only)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

**Material Required**

- Binder (1" or less)
- Pencil

**Class Behavior Expectations**

Music is a participatory art. In order for students to understand and develop their skills, a high level of participation, effort, and focus is necessary on a daily basis. In addition, students must be prepared daily with necessary materials. Goal-setting and persistence during individual and group rehearsal are the keys to musical success. Since active participation is such a crucial aspect of musical understanding, students will receive a **Rehearsal Skills** grade that reflects their progress toward these expectations.

Per school policy, in the case of disruptive or unruly behavior, students will be given one warning. A second offense will result in a blue office referral slip, and consequences including but not limited to break, lunch, and after-school detention. Level II offenses will be referred directly to the administration.

**Concert Attire:**

Black dress pants, white dress shirt & tie, black dress shoes

Black dress/dress skirt/dress pants, white top, black shoes

\*Attire for special events, such as the six flags adjudication trip, will be announced in advance.

**Grading:**

Performances: 20 points each

Students will perform to demonstrate mastery of musical concepts. They will use instruments and the voice. Rhythmic and tonal accuracy, technique, and expression will be evaluated according to the school-wide Performance Rubric.

Written Work: Points will Vary

Units will include various non-playing assignments such as announced tests, in-class activities, and long-term projects.

Rehearsal Skills: 5 points per week

Students will demonstrate persistence and work ethic as they work toward each unit's goals.

Extra Credit Opportunities

Opportunities for extra credit will include attendance at specified community concerts, public performances, and creating musical recordings.

Performances: 100 Points

The Winter and Spring concerts are mandatory. The dates are specified in the Chorus Handbook and the Contract.

**Teacher Availability for Extra Help**

I am available most days after school, but please make an appointment ahead of time. Occasionally, students may need extra time to practice without my direct help. The Recording Studio can be signed out during most periods of the day for students to use during lunch or study hall, as well as after school, while I work with others in the main classroom.

**Please sign and return the contract below to indicate you have reviewed this document.**

-----Return Contract Below-----Retain above for your records-----

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_