

ASA E. LOW JR. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Panther Choir Syllabus

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{PARENTS & STUDENT SHOULD SIGN UP}

Philosophy

By the end of 6th grade the students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of proper singing techniques, the fundamentals of music theory, the importance of stage presence and how it affects performance, sight reading skills, and strong rehearsal skills.

Course Objectives

Students will . . .

- ✓ Demonstrate appropriate rehearsal/performance etiquette and critical communication skills.
- ✓ Learn music theory and music history.
- ✓ Understand and demonstrate melody and harmony.
- ✓ Sight read rhythms.
- ✓ Sight sing with solfege syllables and Curwen hand signs.
- ✓ Improve posture and vowel pronunciation.
- ✓ Rehearse a variety of musical styles and languages.
- ✓ Perform with the choir during scheduled performances.

Grading Policy:

Grades are based on classroom participation, class work, group activities, singing tests, concert performances, and rehearsal skills.

60% Daily Grades/Rehearsals/Class work/Class Participation/Group Activities

40% Performances (Test) includes written and/or participation tests, sight-reading and **choir performances**. See Performance Attendance on page 3.

Participation/Daily Work includes participation and effort in daily activities, preparedness for class, and completion of in-class assignments.

20 daily participation points are possible:

- Missing music/choir binder – 10-point deduction
- Missing pencil – 10-point deduction
- Off-task; Not participating appropriately – various deductions (see below)
 - 1st time off task – 5 points
 - 2nd time off task – 5 additional points
 - 3rd time off task – alternate assignment given; 5 additional point deduction.

Appropriate participation is defined as follows:

The student is on task, and is making a reasonable effort to perform the music that has been assigned in class and do what the teacher asks of them without disrupting others.

Late Work Policy: *Late work will be accepted up to 5 school days past the due date. For each day the work is late, 10 points will be deducted.*

Asa Low Choir Rehearsal Expectations

1. There will be no talking when the teacher is talking.
2. Raise your hand & wait for the teacher to call on you before you speak.
3. NO GUM OR FOOD (nothing in your mouth)
4. Work together to create a positive atmosphere for learning.
5. Follow directions the first time given.
6. Respect others/property

Consequential Sequence

1. Verbal Warning
2. 1st signing (parents notified)
3. 2nd signing (lunch detention)
4. 3rd signing (1 hr after school detention)
5. Office referral

*Consequences for violation of the above expectations can include reminders, loss of privileges, detention, teacher/parent conferences, office referrals and **removal from the choir program**.

Performance Attendance:

Choir is a performance-based class; therefore, **attendance at all performances is required.** Students will receive a grade for all of our performances. If a student is absent from a concert for any reason, the grade will be put into the gradebook as a ZERO. All students will be given the option to complete a make-up assignment. If the absence was excused, students will be able to earn UP TO 100 points for the make-up. If the absence was unexcused, students will be able to earn UP TO 70 points for the make-up. In order to make-up the grade, students will sing the music individually for the director. See the following page for an example of the make-up assignment.

Students will NOT be excused for any other reason - including sporting events, camping trips, birthday parties, etc.

Excused absences are for illness and family emergencies **only**. If there is an emergency and you know you are not going to be able to participate in a performance, please contact the choir director as soon as possible so that adjustments can be made. Excused absences require a note, e-mail or phone call. Remember - we are on the same team. We must work together.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

Girls Formal

- Black Formal, pearl necklace & earrings (provided) - **Do not cut size tags or material from the dress**
- Dress shoes (closed toe)

Boys Formal

- Black dress shirt/red tie black slacks (provided) **Do not cut size tags**
- Black dress socks and dress shoes (No tennis shoes)

Casual

- Choir T-shirt, blue jeans, closed toe shoes

Choir Fee

There is a non-refundable **choir fee of \$60**, which will pay for all supplies that will be needed for class, choir t-shirt, uniform rental and cleaning, and Pride of Texas Music festival fee.

All fees should be paid through your child's Skyward account.

ALIS Panther Choir
Make-up Assignment
for required rehearsals and concerts

Student Name _____ Choir Period _____

Date of missed rehearsal or concert _____

To make up the grade for a missed rehearsal or concert, the student will perform individually for the teacher **during recess or win time by the end of the grading period.** The student will be asked to perform various selections or passages from the music that was worked on or performed when the student was absent.

**The student is responsible for reaching out to Mrs. Wigley to schedule a performance date for this assignment. **

If the absence was excused, the student will have the opportunity to earn **up to 100 points** for this assignment. If the absence was unexcused, the student will *have the opportunity to earn **up to 70 points** for this assignment.

*****Bring this paper with you when performing for your make-up grade*****

Date of Make-up: _____

	Text	Melody	Technique – Articulation, Dynamics, etc.	Posture
<i>Grading Criteria:</i>	(25%)	(25%)	(25%)	(25%)
<i>Percent Earned:</i>				

Notes:

Pride of Texas Music Festival at Alley Cats in Hurst on May 11, 2023

Students will perform two songs at the festival and earn a trophy which will be kept in the choir room. The choir will travel on charter buses leaving at 8:45 am, returning at 3:30 pm. Once the choir has performed, they can play laser tag, outdoor rides, putt putt, bowling, arcade games, and enjoy all of the pizza/pasta/ salad/ dessert/ & drink buffet. Parents are welcome to attend!

In order to earn the privilege of performing at off-campus events, students must:

***Have NO discipline referrals - this includes office referrals, AC, BIC, suspension and citizenship grades of N's or U's**

***Pass all school classes**

***Have a 90% or above over-all grade in choir**

***Actively participate in all choir rehearsals**

***Have at least an S in citizenship in ALL classes**

***Have an Asa Low Choir T-shirt - the "official" uniform for the *Pride of Texas Music Festival*.**

It cannot be stressed enough that public performances outside of the school day are earned privileges, not "rights." ONLY those students who meet these standards will be allowed to attend off-campus events.

Eligibility Requirements a.k.a. "No Pass – No Play"

For participation in some of the scheduled choir activities this year, students must meet eligibility requirements in accordance with TEA (Texas Education Association) and UIL (University Interscholastic League) rules. These extra-curricular activities are the **Spring Choir Competition, and the Elementary Choir Tour**. These rules are often referred to as "No Pass – No Play", and they apply to all extra-curricular activities throughout a student's school career, including school-sponsored athletic activities and choir. Choir programs throughout the state are bound by law to follow these rules for grades 6 - 12.

The "No Pass – No Play" rules state that a student must pass every course on a given Report Card with at least 70%, in order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities occurring during the **following six-weeks**. A student who is determined to be ineligible may **regain** eligibility by meeting the previous requirements at the 3rd week point of the following Six Weeks, provided the Progress Report occurs before the date of the event. Semester grades are never used for eligibility. Students will be notified of their eligibility status by their teacher in a timely-manner before a "No Pass – No Play" event.

Ineligible students are not allowed to participate in performance or travel with the choir at TEA/UIL sponsored events.