

CHORAL MUSIC EXPECTATIONS AND GRADING **LINCOLN SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL**

FOUR RULES:

1. Be **early** to class. We will begin class when the bell rings. If you are not in the room when the bell rings, you will be marked tardy. We will follow the LSE policy of zero tolerance for tardies. Due Process will be followed. If another teacher is responsible for your tardy, bring a pass.
2. Refrain from talking when a teacher is talking, when another student is talking to us, or when you should be singing.
3. No gum, candy, food or pop in class. You may bring water bottles.
4. Always use good singing posture and participate to the best of your ability.

ABSENCES:

ABSENCES AFFECT YOUR SUCCESS and the success of your choir. Your daily participation in the classroom and attendance at concerts is used to calculate your grade.* (*See grading sheet.)

All performances are required. A performance absence will be excused only in the event of illness or any other extreme circumstances. Such an absence will be excused only with parent notification and at the discretion of the director.

Please inform us of any advanced absences **in writing** as soon as you're aware of them. (This includes family vacations, field trips, sports events, pep rallies, Student Council or other club activities, etc.)

REHEARSAL PROCEDURES:

Beginning class in a disciplined and orderly fashion will determine the quality of the rehearsal.

When you enter the classroom, get your folder and sit in your assigned seat. Look at the board for information and put your music in rehearsal order. If you come in late, you are expected to join us in beginning activities **AS YOU COME IN THE DOOR. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Keep a pencil in your music folder. Get it out with your music at the beginning of the period. You will be expected to mark breath marks, no breath marks, dynamics and any other markings that will help you remember instructions. **Use pencils only.**

Folders are assigned. You are responsible for the music in the folder. If your folder is lost, you will be financially responsible for both the music and the folder. At the end of rehearsal, please put your music away in the assigned storage area. **TAKE CARE OF YOUR MUSIC.**

Please keep any questions you have for us until **AFTER** your rehearsal.

Bathroom privileges will be given at the end of class.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

Chairs are set up by the instructors. They are not to be moved unless we ask you to do so. If we do ask you to move a chair, please be sure to move it back at the end of the period so it's ready for the next class. Students should sit in their assigned seats. Please do not use anything in the music room without permission (for example; turn on the fans or write on the wipe board or use the stereo). If there are "props" in the room, please do not touch them unless they are yours.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICS:

If you are absent the day of a performance, you or your parent should call the school office, 436-1304, as early as possible (by 7:30 a.m.) and leave a message for us as to the reason for your absence. This information will help us know if staging adjustments need to be made prior to the performance.

If you are absent for the final rehearsal before a performance, you will not be allowed to perform (unless you've made arrangements with us AHEAD of time.)

Preparation for performances:

1. Hairstyles and hair color are subject to instructor's approval.
2. You are required to wear the appropriate jewelry and accessories for every performance.
3. Tongue and lip piercings affect your singing technique, therefore this jewelry cannot be worn in rehearsals and performances.
4. Your outfit or choir robe is to be clean and free of wrinkles. If you have to transport your robe or outfit, be careful how you hang it or lay it down. Your appearance is a large part of the way you represent your school.
5. **When you go out to perform, you are ambassadors of Southeast High School and the Performing Arts Department. Remember that people are watching you. Good impressions are important.**
6. **All LSE school rules and LPS district rules are in effect when we leave the building to perform. (Refer to the "Parents' Consent Record for Participation in Activities")**

Share this document with your parents. Your signature and their signature(s) will indicate that you and your parent(s) understand and agree to the above expectations. Please return this form as quickly as possible.

Thank you and best wishes for a wonderful year of singing as a Knight!

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Noonan, Mr. Scheele

Please return this bottom portion.

Student's Name (**Please print**) _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Choir _____ Date _____