

# MAINLAND SHOW CHOIR SYLLABUS 2021-2022

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## Attendance Policy:

All students in performing arts classes are required to perform in **ALL** concerts. Excused absences include serious illness and immediate family emergencies. *Work, school, or non-school sanctioned sports and activities* are **not considered** excused absences. Each student will be given a schedule with concert schedules and required performances. **Unexcused absences will result in a 0% being given for the performance participation grade.**

## Concerts & Performances:

A schedule is given to the students at the beginning of the year. Changes in dates, times, and other information are relayed as soon as the changes are noted. This is the same for added performances. At any point, if there are questions on Concerts & Performances, students may look at the Calendar provided or updated on the Choir Website. (<http://mainlandchoir.weebly.com>).

## Music & Folders:

All musical scores and folders are property of the Mainland Regional High School Music Department. If a musical score or folder is lost or damaged the student will be financially responsible for replacing it. Scores can be replaced at [JWPepper.com](http://JWPepper.com).

## Rehearsal Expectations:

As in any classroom, you are expected to follow all school procedures already set in place. In addition to these are my expectations, which may reinforce some school rules:

- Be on time! This means having music ready and being seated when the bell rings.
- No gum, food, or drink in the classroom! Only Water!
- Respect others as well as yourself.
- Respect and take care of the music that you are using, remember this is school property.

## Grading:

### Concerts & Performance Assessments: 40%

- **EXPECTATION:** This class is a PERFORMING ensemble. Your individual performance is an integral part of the whole. Proficiency must be demonstrated as a part of the whole and as an individual. Concerts are of the utmost importance and are the single most important event in any one semester. All course work in the semester culminates at the concert.

### Daily Preparedness, Effort & Growth: 30%

- **EXPECTATION:** Students are expected to come to class well prepared and ready to work. Students are encouraged to aim for proficiency in all rehearsals. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the maturity level of high school students. Cooperation and self-discipline are expected.

### Classwork (Attendance, Participation) 30%

- **EXPECTATION:** Students are expected to be in class and arrive on time. Students are also expected to participate. Cell phone use or doing other work during class is NOT an acceptable use of class time.

## Concert Attire:

*You are expected to provide your own Concert Attire.*

**Men:** Black DRESS shoes, Black socks, Black DRESS pants and Black LONG SLEEVE Buttoned Up Dress Shirt. (I will have ties for you.)

**Women:** Black CHARACTER shoes, NUDE colored Tights/Stockings, Black Knee Length Dress. (We will discuss jewelry in class.)

For the Spring Concert, we will discuss if we will change the Winter Attire to match our themed program or if we will stay with the all black look. If we go out and perform, the Black Attire will be required unless the Director changes the attire requirement.

Stage presence is very important in Show Choir and that includes correct makeup and hair! Members are to provide their own make-up to create the necessary look! This may include lipstick, blush, eye shadow, and eyeliner if needed.

Hair and make-up look for all members will be discussed in detail prior to performances. Stage makeup will be required. All looks will show a professional and clean style for all members..

## Choir Calendar:

All Performances and Dress Rehearsals are MANDATORY. You will be given a grade for each. Performances are able to be added and modified at the discretion of the teacher. Students will be informed as soon as possible.

### Thursday, October 21st, 2021:

Rowan University Tenor/Bass Festival  
All Day Field Trip: *Departure TBA*

### Thursday, November 11th, 2021

Veteran's Day Breakfast: Morning Mods.

### Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

Winter Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal  
MRHS Auditorium; **Rehearsal 3-6 pm**

### Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

Winter Choir Concert: 7:00pm  
**Call time: 6:00 PM! Dressed in Concert Attire.**

**TBA** - Caroling at Shore Memorial Hospital &  
Lite Rock 96.9 Performance (Half-day Field Trips)

### Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

Music Department Pops Concert: 7:00pm  
**Call time: 6:00 PM! Dressed in Concert Attire.**

### Tuesday, April 5th - Saturday, April 9th, 2022

Show Choir Disney Workshop Trip  
**Departure: TBA (Afterschool Tuesday)**

### Tuesday, May 10th, 2022

Spring Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal  
MRHS Auditorium; **Rehearsal 3-6 pm**

### Wednesday, May 11th, 2022

Spring Choir Concert: 7:00pm  
**Call time: 6:00 PM! Dressed in Concert Attire.**

*Students: Once you and your parents have read through the syllabus together, please fill out the following Choir Agreement Statement:*

**<https://bit.ly/ChoirAgreement21>**

