

Vocal Music Singing Test Guidelines and Expectations

Practicing and Learning Music

Students in Honor Choir and Angelaire receive X credit as a result “homework” time spent learning and practicing music. Students are expected not only to minimally “learn the notes”, but also and most importantly to consistently practice music until it is mastered. Mastery consists of be able to sing the music independently with other parts with phrasing, dynamics and musicality.

Singing Tests

Students should prepare for singing tests just as they would for a test in any other class. The teacher will not run through parts with students before the test. It is the students’ responsibility to do whatever is necessary to prepare themselves for the test (i.e. practicing with other parts on their own, running through the song before class).

Grades will be given as follows:

18-21 pts A to A+– Exemplary – The performance far exceeded the standard. All notes and rhythms are performed correctly in a confident and musical manner with dynamics and shaping of phrases. The student sings with resonant tone and well formed vowels.

16-17 pts B – Advanced – The performance exceeds the standard. All notes and rhythms are performed with at least one additional element (dynamics, tone, vowels).

14-15 pts C – Proficient – The performance meets the standard. All notes and rhythms are performed correctly.

12-13 D – Partially Proficient – The performance partially meets the standard. At least 75% of the notes and rhythms are performed correctly.

8-11 F – Unsatisfactory – The performance does not meet the standard. Less than 75% of the notes and rhythms are performed correctly.

Students must consistently score Proficient or better in order to remain in good standing in Honor Choir and Angelaire. Students who receive a grade lower than a C on 3 or more singing tests during any semester will be placed on probation.

Absences & Makeup Tests

1. It is the responsibility of students who are absent to make up tests that are missed in a timely manner.
2. Students who are absent on a test day must come in on their own and make up the test by the end of the next school day (the day that they return to school after the absence).
3. Students will be penalized 3 points (from their test score) for every day that passes beyond the next school day for makeup tests. For example: If a student misses class on Monday but does make up their test until Thursday, they will be penalized 6 points from their test score.
4. All students have a schedule of due dates for music learning. Students who are absent the day before a due date are still required to meet the schedule.