

# Homer Middle School Concert Choir Handbook

The Homer Middle School Concert Choir has established a reputation for a very high standard of excellence. Each choir member accepts responsibility for striving to maintain and build upon that reputation.

## PROFESSIONALISM:

In all activities we will strive to maintain the highest standards of professionalism.

## TEAMWORK:

A successful choir must function as a team. Always be supportive of each other in our efforts to sing more beautifully.

**Work together, help each other, accept responsibilities graciously, be kind.**

## REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

### BE POSITIVE, ATTENTIVE, AND RESPONSIVE

- Be On Time
- Music folder and pencil ready and available at all times
- No food, gum, or beverages in class
- Work hard and give your best, always be willing to participate
- Take good care of facilities and equipment and music

## CONCERTS:

There will be 1 concert per quarter - you are expected to participate

Come to concerts prepared

Wear appropriate concert attire at all concerts

Exhibit the highest standards of behavior when representing Homer Middle School.

## CONCERT ATTIRE:

**"SEVENTY PERCENT OF WHAT THE AUDIENCE HEARS IS WHAT IT SEES."**

Boys: Black pants, black shoes, nice shirt (button-down or polo are perfect), and robe.

Girls: Black pants or skirt (any color), blouse or dress, black dress shoes (prefer flats or low heels), and robe.

Both: **Do not** wear cologne, perfume, or hairspray (fainting singers make the audience uncomfortable).

## CONCERT BEHAVIOR:

At all times maintain the role of choral performer.

Be an excellent audience for other performers.

Do not bring non-performing guests to the backstage area.

Never talk on the risers.

## GRADES:

Grades will be based on: Attitude, Effort, Participation, Written and Singing Tests, Listening logs

Attendance - Missed Concerts may drop quarter grades 1-2 letters.

## MASS CHOIR:

Each April, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District presents a combined choir festival for all the MS choral students in the district. A guest conductor of world-class caliber is hired and the choirs join together as one. Additionally each choir performs individually and this is an important opportunity to share with each other and show off the fine program we have established here at Homer Middle School.

## CLASS FEE:

The class fee for Choir is \$25.00. This helps pay for the Mass Festival, music, transportation, and accompanist.