

## **GRADING POLICY**

### EVERYONE BEGINS THE QUARTER WITH AN 'A' GRADE

Music Knowledge (periodic music checks will be conducted):

- Singers are judged on accuracy, tone quality and intonation.
- Additional criteria include balance, blend, diction, dynamics and articulation.
- Singers who successfully employ criteria above will sing in concert.
- Instructor will use subjective grading to assess music knowledge.
- Only 'A' and 'B' grades qualify students to perform in concert

Discipline (daily assessment made of the following):

- Good effort is early arrival, always on task, positive attitude, good posture, meaningful breathing, best musical effort. Daily 'A' is consistent excellence (A+).
- Disruptive or inappropriate behavior or attitude will result in removal from class
- Full letter grade reduction issued if instructor needs to remove student for discipline

Attendance:

- 5-20 minutes late = tardy recorded
- 21 minutes (or more) late = absence recorded. Student may observe (but not sing)
- 20 or more minutes missed at any time during rehearsal = absence recorded
- Full letter grade reduction upon 4<sup>th</sup> tardy (or equivalent)
- Full letter grade reduction upon 3<sup>rd</sup> MW absence (or equivalent) or 2<sup>nd</sup> F absence
- Excessive attendance issues will result in student dropped from the course
- Extra credit available depending on situation.

Student may not continue singing with the group, for the current quarter, if student is:

- absent 3 times (for any reason) Friday, 5 Mon/Wed combination or 6 total absences
- late to class (or equivalent) two days of week 10 (week of concert)
- two absences (or equivalent) during week 10 or 3 times late 4 rehearsals before concert
- Additional letter grade reduction if any of the above take place

Concert grading:

- Late to concert call time may result in removal and one full grade reduction
- Absence/Disruption at concert = 2 full grade reduction and suspension from group
- Attendance will be required at all events, as announced. 3 weeks advance notice.