

CLEAR CREEK AMANA HIGH SCHOOL
VOCAL MUSIC HANDBOOK Tracy Williams, Director
2018-2019



GOALS:

- 1) Develop a community where members treat each other with respect and kindness.
- 2) Develop rehearsal skills to improve vocal quality.
- 3) Develop confidence in yourself to be able to perform in front of others.

EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) Be seated with folders.
- 2) No cell phones during rehearsals.
- 3) **Work hard**, exhibit **positive attitude** and be a **team player!**

GRADING POLICY:

- Rehearsals (10 points bi-weekly)
 - Follow classroom rules and expectations
 - Being respectful to others
 - Leading by example/contribute positively
- Vocal Lessons (10 points for each lesson)

2 lessons are required each quarter (15-20 minutes) for Voce and Lyrica. 3 lessons are required for Cantores each quarter. You may come in for extra lessons for those wishing to improve their vocal tone, range, etc. Voice lessons will concentrate on each individual's vocal development as well as individualized attention on the music being studied by their ensemble or extra activities. Students will be assigned a time for a lesson. In the event that a student has to miss a scheduled lesson due to unexpected but necessary classroom activities, make-up lesson opportunities will be provided. Make-lessons will be on **Wednesday's**.
- Required Concert Attendance (20 points per concert, 40 points for Large Group contest for Cantores and Lyrica)

Here is a list of REQUIRED concerts:

- December 3: HS Vocal Winter Concert @ 7:00pm (20 points)
March 4: HS POPS Concert @ 7:00pm (20 points)
May 3: ***ONLY CANTORES AND LYRICA*** IHSMA STATE LARGE GROUP (40 points)
May 13: HS Spring Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm (20 points)

- Students will be assessed on their individual performance, attitude and effort in each performance
- If there is a conflict between two school-sponsored activities the sponsors involved, Principal, Vocal Music Director, student and parent will make the best decision for the student and both activities, make-up work will be assigned if concert is missed
- An email or written note from parent/guardian needs to be sent to the director **two weeks prior** to missing a concert, make-up work will be assigned
- Family emergencies are excused and make-up work will be assigned to make up the points
 - Unexcused absences will result in no points (work,etc..)

*Concerns or complaints about the music director or other students in the choirs

- FIRST discuss with the music director the concern or complaint **right away**.
- If the student remains dissatisfied, the issue should be brought to Mr. Potter or Mr. Moody to help resolve the concern or complaint.
- If the student still remains dissatisfied, there will be a meeting with the music director **and** Mr. Potter or Mr. Moody to resolve the concern or complaint.

Concert Attire:

POPS CONCERT (ALL CHOIRS):

Men- khakis or black dress pants, nice dress shirt, casual or dress shoes.

Ladies- Semi-formal attire (can be dress pants/dress/or skirt).

WINTER CONCERT, SPRING CONCERT (VOCE):

1) Choir Robes

2) Men- pants (no jeans), nice shoes (no sneakers), any shirt

3) Ladies- Black dress Shoes (can wear shorts and tank top underneath)

WINTER CONCERT, LARGE GROUP, SPRING CONCERT (CANTORES and LYRICA):

1) **Dresses and Tuxes**(provided by school)

2) *Black shoes with closed heel and toe (provided by student)*. No flip-flops, sandals, or athletic shoes. Shoes should be flats (no heels) if possible.

3) Black socks (men)/ skin colored knee hi or pantyhose (ladies)

4) Earrings should be limited to small items.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Vocal Dynamics- auditioned Show Choir

This group will meet on Wednesday's after school from 4-5pm and Thursday nights from 6-8pm and some other dates for choreography sessions and extra rehearsals. We will be performing at West Branch Competition, State Show Choir, Keokuk Competition, Central Lee Competition, and the POPS concert. Auditions for the 2019-2020 group will be in the May 2019.

Solo and Ensemble Contest- Be a part of a group to perform at contest! Groups could include Boys Triple Trio, Girls Triple Trio, Mixed Double Quartet, Chamber Choir, Duets and Solos. Contest date is March 23.

Spring Musical- Be a part of a family by joining the musical! The musical will be announced in September. Auditions will be before Winter Break and rehearsals will start the end of January. Musical dates are April 11-13, 2019.

Section Leader-Do you have leadership qualities and a positive attitude? There will be 4 section leaders: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. This will be determined by an interview/audition by the Vocal Director. You will be responsible in taking attendance for your section, leading sectional rehearsals, being a great role model, and some conducting responsibilities. You will also meet with the Vocal Director.

Musical Theatre-auditioned group. Minimum number is 2 with a maximum number of 8. Each school can have 3 entries. The Vocal Director has 2 groups and the third group can be directed by a student. Rehearsals will be either before or after school starting in November. This group follows the Speech calendar. Competitions are in January and February.

All-State Chorus- Auditions are October 20. If you are chosen from the auditions the All-State Festival is Nov. 16-17.

VOCAL MUSIC LETTERS:

A total of 60 points are necessary to earn one letter.

60 points Make All-State Chorus

20 points Voce Choir/ Cantores/Lyrica

15 points Vocal Dynamics/ Section Leader/ Musical Lead

10 points Musical smaller role/ All State Auditions

5 points (per ensemble)Small Group Contest/ Vocal Solo Small Group Contest

5 points College Festivals/ Accompanist for small or large group

2 points Sing National Anthem for sporting event

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VOCAL MUSIC CALENDAR
2018-2019

August 1 & 2: All State Camp @ Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids

August 13: Show Choir Camp 12-4PM

August 14: Show Choir Camp 12-4PM

August 15: Show Choir Camp 12-4PM

September 30 & October 1 : UNI Honor Choir

October 20: All State Auditions

November 5: Honor Choir WaMac Choral Festival

November 15 (evening), 16 & 17 : All-State Music Festival

***Monday December 3: HS Winter Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm**

January 12: Show Choir competition @ West Branch

January 14: Musical Theatre WAMAC Large Group

January 17: Musical Theatre Speech Showcase

January 19: Musical Theatre District Large Group

January 28: STATE Show Choir

February 2: Musical Theatre State Large Group

February 9: Show Choir competition @ Keokuk

February 16: Musical Theatre All-State Large Group Festival

February 23: Show Choir competition @ Central Lee (Donnellson)

***Monday March 4: HS Pops Concert @ 7:00pm**

March 23: IHSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest

April 11-13: HS Musical

***Friday May 3: IHSMA State Large Group (only Cantores and Lyrica)**

***Monday May 13: HS Spring Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm**

May 24: CANTORES SINGS AT GRADUATION in the evening

(*required concerts)