

BLEVINS MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHOIR-6 EXPECTATIONS
2011-2012

Course Objectives:

Each Student shall:

- Learn technique and terminology for beginning vocal performance;
- Develop skills necessary to perform alone or in a group;
- Learn appropriate etiquette both as a performer and listener;
- Perform to the best of their ability;
- Develop music-reading and sight-reading abilities;
- Achieve a high level of performance through the development of tone quality, intonation, style, diction, balance, and blend in a beginning ensemble;
- Increase musical understanding through the study of composers, music history, and the music of other cultures.

Class Expectations:

Each student shall:

- BE PROMPT
- BE PREPARED
- BE POLITE
- HAVE A P.M.A. (Positive Mental Attitude)
- PARTICIPATE
- PRODUCE (Take Care of Business)
- NOT chew gum or eat candy, or any other food/drink, in class.

Grading Policy:

In accordance with the Blevins Middle School Grading Policy, students will be evaluated on their performance related to established state and national content standards for Music:

- Assessment (90% of total grade);
- Practice (10% of total grade);
- Work Habits (reported each quarter, but not part of final grade).

Grades assigned will follow the adopted grading scale for Blevins Middle School:

- 4 (Advanced)
- 3 (Proficient)
- 2 (Partially Proficient)
- 1 (In Progress)
- 0 (Insufficient Evidence)

Illness Concerns:

When a student is experiencing a sore throat, they will be excused from singing for that day. The student will be expected to follow along in the music and “mentally” rehearse. A note from home may be required if sore throats become chronic and interfere with the student’s performance in class.

Concert:

Choir 6 will perform in two concerts during the semester. A separate calendar of concert dates has been provided, and the information is also available in the Choir room (Room 203). **Attendance at all concerts is required.** Any conflicts with a concert date should be discussed with Mr. Floyd no later than two weeks prior to the concert. Any absence from a concert, excused or unexcused, will require makeup work.

Concert Attire:

Singers in *Choir 6* will wear appropriate clothing for the concert. Please dress in your best clothing. We will discuss this more in class.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday, October 13, 2011	All Choirs and Orchestras Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	All Bands Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Wednesday, November 9, 2011	PSD Middle School Choral Festival (Silver and Burgundy Singers only)	TBA
Monday, December 5, 2011	Musical Tech Rehearsal	3:30-8:30 PM (Auditeria)
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Musical Tech Rehearsal	3:30-8:30 PM (Auditeria)
Wednesday, December 7, 2011	Musical Dress Rehearsal	3:30-8:30 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, December 8, 2011	Musical Performance	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Friday, December 9, 2011	Musical Performance	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, December 15	6 th Grade Choir and All Orchestras Holiday Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Tuesday, December 20, 2011	All Bands Holiday Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Monday, January 23, 2012	Music Tour to Elementary Schools (select groups only)	All Day
Thursday, February 2, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Band Rehearsal	6:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Monday, February 6, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Band Rehearsal	6:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, February 7, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Band Rehearsal	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, February 7, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Band Concert	7:00 PM (TBA)
Monday, January 30 & Tuesday, January 31, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Choir Auditions	TBA
Thursday, March 1, 2012	All Bands Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Tuesday, March 6, 2012	All Choirs and Orchestras Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2, 2012	Solo and Ensemble	3:30-8:00 PM
Monday, March 28, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Audition Tapes Due	4:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 3, 2012	Talent Show Auditions	3:30-5:30 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, April 5, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Monday, April 9, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Choir Rehearsal	6:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Choir Rehearsal	1:00-4:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Choir Concert	7:00 PM (TBA)
Wednesday, April 11, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 17, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Friday, April 20, 2012	Greeley Jazz Festival (Jazz Band)	All Day (Greeley)
Monday, April 23, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 PM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 24, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Rehearsal	8:00-11:00 AM (TBA)
Tuesday, April 24, 2012	PSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM (TBA)
Wednesday, April 25, 2012	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	3:30-6:30 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, April 26, 2012	Talent Show Performance	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Thursday, May 17, 2012	All Choirs and Orchestras Awards Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	All Bands Awards Concert	7:00 PM (Auditeria)

Blevins Music Department may be asked to perform at additional events. These events will be added to the calendar as they occur. Information will be sent home when events are added to the calendar so that parents and students can plan appropriately. Updates will appear in bold print.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS/PARENTS REGARDING THE CARE AND RETURN OF MUSIC

The Blevins Music Department provides a substantial amount of music for student use during the school year. The cost of music used by our Choir and Orchestra groups is over \$3000 per year (some music is purchased new and some is from our existing library of music). Each year, copies of songs are lost, damaged, and even destroyed beyond use. This places an immense strain on the already small budget of the department.

In effort to control these losses, each student will be provided with a folder in which to keep his/her music. These folders will be assigned by number to the student, and the music inside will match the number of the folder.

Music will be turned in after each performance—or if the director decides that a piece of music is not suitable for the group.

Students will be responsible for returning the music loaned to them in good condition. Students who do not return music in good condition will be assessed the appropriate fee for the replacement of the music.

Please help keep our music in good shape!

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Floyd

ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR STUDENT CONTRACT 2011-2012
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Please return this form to Mr. Floyd by Friday, September 2, 2011.

TO THE STUDENT: After reading the information presented for your classroom (expectations, information, and calendar) with your parent or guardian, please read and initial each item below:

As a member of a BMS Choir or Orchestra, I know or understand the following:

- _____ My responsibilities in the classroom.
- _____ My responsibilities for performances.
- _____ My responsibilities in regard to the care of the materials I use in class.
- _____ My responsibilities in regard to the care and return of music and/or instruments.
- _____ My responsibility to communicate with my parents in regard to future performances and events so transportation can be arranged/provided.

Student's name (printed): _____ Class Period: _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN: After reading the information provided for your child, please read and initial each item below:

As a parent or guardian of a Blevins Choir or Orchestra student, I know or understand the following:

- _____ My student's responsibilities in the classroom.
- _____ My student's responsibilities for performances.
- _____ My responsibility for performances (as parent/guardian—ensuring attendance of student).
- _____ The 2011-2012 Blevins Concert Schedule (provided separately).
- _____ Materials and instruments (if used) must be cared for properly.
- _____ Fees will be charged for missing/damaged materials and/or school supplied instruments.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____