

**Ellinwood  
Middle/High School  
Choir  
Student Handbook**



**2015-2016**

## Ellinwood Choir Calendar

Additional performances may be added for Mystic Blues. Adequate notice will be given if there are changes to the choir calendar.

October 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m.	Middle School High School Concert
November 5 <sup>th</sup> All Day	MS Honor Choir Auditions
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> All Day	Southwest District Honor Choir/Band
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	MS Christmas Concert with Grade School
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mystic Blues Caroling Day
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	HS Winter Concert
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	MS Honor Choir
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mystic Blues Caroling Day
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Regional Solo/Ensemble
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	After Dinner Theatre
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	After Dinner Theatre
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	State Large Group Contest
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	State Solo/Ensembles
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Vocal Concert

# Wardrobe Requirements

As a member of the Ellinwood Middle/High School Choirs, you will be representing the school and the choirs of Ellinwood during performances and on trips. Therefore, wardrobe should be presented in a way that will not distract from but add to the choirs' performance as a group. Please do not wear t-shirts with writing or tennis shoes.

## Middle School:

### Men

- Black slacks
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks
- Black button down or polo shirt

### Women

- Black skirt, dress, or slacks
- Black dress top, if wearing skirt or slacks
- Black flats or low heels

## Concert Choir:

### Men

- Black slacks and Black Dress Shirt
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks

## Women

- Black flats or low heels
- Black Dress or Black Pants w/ Black Shirt

## Mystic Blues:

T-shirts or polos (to be worn with jeans) may be ordered at the beginning of the school year for informal performances and must be paid for before pickup. Outfits will be paid for and kept at the school. Students will do fundraising to reimburse the school for the cost of the outfits. A rental fee will also be charged to cover dry cleaning.

## Men

To be provided by school:

- Formal tuxedo
- Vest
- Bow tie and cinch tie

To be provided by student:

- Tuxedo shoes
- Tuxedo shirt

## Women

To be provided by school:

- Dress

To be provided by student:

- Spandex briefs

- Nude character shoes
- Pantyhose

If you need help finding anything that is your responsibility, please let me know.

\*All Choir Students: All kinds of jewelry, strongly scented fragrances, distinctive hair coloring or styles, or any other distracting visual element that is not universally decided upon by the group are not allowed in concerts, and may subject students to grading penalties.

## Policies for Grading and Participation

Both middle and high students will be graded on the following categories: 1. Concerts/Performances 2. Daily work (completed in class) 3. Participation 4. Other assignments and points-on-completion events (such as promptly returning required forms, etc.) System for Grading: 1. All students have varying degrees of natural talent, and it is unfair to weight grades too heavily in the area of vocal performance. 2. Choirs require the full participation of each individual to be successful. Most learning is completed during class through direct instruction and practice. 3. Therefore, daily grades are weighted heavily in the areas of participation, work ethic, personal responsibility, and constructive behavior. \*Note: Concert participation is considered a required class element.

Daily grades: Each student starts the week with 25 points (225 total for each quarter). Any behavior (talking, disrespect, not participating, incorrect iPad use, cell phone use, etc.) that is not conducive to the learning environment will lead to a subtraction of daily class points.

Concert points: Each concert is worth 200 points total. If a student does not show up to the concert a zero will be given.

Participation at a concert is essential, therefore the following aspects of concert etiquette are graded heavily in the concert setting. When a student is

Talking during concert on stage	40 points possible (20 points deducted per occurrence)
Talking during concert in audience	40 points possible (20 points deducted per occurrence)
Cell phone use	40 points possible (20 points deducted per occurrence)
Attention	40 points (20 points deducted per occurrence)
Each item of incorrect clothing	20 points possible (10 points deducted per occurrence)
Timeliness	20 points possible

## Lettering in Choir

To qualify for a letter in vocal music, a student must: 1. Earn an "A" for the semester in Mystic Blues or Concert Choir 2. Attend at least one event listed below a. District/State Auditions b. Regional/State Contest as a soloist or ensemble member outside of Mystic Blues c. All State Prep Day 3. Be present at all concerts for the semester