

# South Ogden Jr. High Choir

## Mrs. Catherine Hale

### 2015-2016

#### Course Description

Welcome to Jr. High Choir. This disclosure or syllabus is an overview of the expectations in choir to succeed. On this form you will see the schedule of performances throughout the year. Please check your calendars and make sure these dates are open and added to your calendar. If there are any conflicts with performances, you are expected to give Mrs. Hale a two week notice to be able to make up the missed event.

#### Supplies

- Class fee of \$15 paid to the front office; bring receipt to Mrs. Hale
- Pen or Pencil each day
- Folder for provided sheet music (Students will be responsible for the care of this music. Damaged music will result in replacement at student's expense.)
- Concert Attire: Ladies- Black skirt to the knee or longer (no exceptions), white top. Men- Black pants and white shirt with tie. Subject to change.

#### Grading

**40% Participation:** Participation includes but is not limited to: punctuality (tardiness), preparedness, rehearsals, willing to try, respect for other students, listening to and respect for teacher, behavior, language, attitude, being a productive worker in groups, cooperative, etc.

**20% Performances:** Performance *dates are listed below* for the entire year. Please check calendars and make these dates a priority as they are part of the student's grade. Students must give 2 weeks prior notice to an event they cannot attend to be able to do a make-up assignment for a missed concert.

**30% Assignments/Quizzes:** Assignments will be given in different formats, such as in class work or online homework assignments. Material taught will be, but not limited to, musical notation, musical styles, master composers and musical works, ear training, sight singing, rhythm training, etc. Occasional quizzes will be given for students to demonstrate understanding.

**10% Enrichment Activity:** Students are expected to attend a live performance of any kind: choral, dance, band, orchestra, etc. once a semester. When they have attended a performance, they will need to write a one page essay describing the event and what they observed. More details will be available on our class blog. This assignment is due two weeks before the end of each semester.

#### Late Work Policy

Students have up until the final posting of midterm grades to turn in grades for the first quarter of the semester for partial credit. For second quarter, students can turn in work up to the end of the semester for partial credit.

#### Tardy Policy

A tardy will result in loss of participation points in class for the day. Upon the second tardy, along with the loss of points there will be contact made home. Tardy slips will be sent home as a warning. A third tardy results in an "N" in citizenship. Fourth tardy we will contact home again to warn about the fifth and sixth which results in a "U" in citizenship and administration referral. If a student is 10 minutes late, they are considered truant and will be sent to the office.

#### Classroom Rules

- **Be Respectful**- good language, accept and be kind to others, no cell phones when instruction or work is happening, value school property, obey teacher instruction, follow directions, raise your hand to speak, be engaged, etc.
- **Be Responsible**- ask questions, be to class on time, work effectively, follow directions, already have used restroom before class, homework is done on time, accept direction, gum is out, etc.
- **Be Ready**- follow directions, be in assigned seats at bell, have bell work completed to begin promptly, conduct good posture, not talking when performing or instruction being given, have supplies/be prepared, know expectations, etc.

### **Concert Dates for 2015-2016**

November 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Shrek Jr. Musical @ South

December 1 Bonneville Invitational Spartones

December 16 Christmas Concert @ South

February 16 District Festival @ Weber State University

March 1 Bonneville Invitational Spartan Choir

March 29 Solo & Ensemble @ South

May 19 Spring Concert @ South