**Auditioned Choir Attendance Policy**

*Chamber Choir meets Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:10. When early dismissals fall on a rehearsal day, we meet from 12:00 to 12:40.*

*Madrigal Singers meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 3:10. When early dismissals fall on a rehearsal day, we meet from 12:00 to 12:40.*

*Show Choir meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 3:10. When early dismissals fall on a rehearsal day, we meet from 12:00 to 12:40. There will also be monthly evening rehearsals. These are TBD, according to the schedules of the ensemble members.*

*Members of all choirs will be asked to attend long rehearsals (particularly before a concert or other performance). You will be notified well in advance as to when these rehearsals are. Please be prepared to commit to these as well as the regular bi-weekly rehearsals.*

*Students are allowed three “free” unexcused absences* ***per semester****. After the third unexcused absence, every subsequent absence equals a loss of points from the Class Participation grade.*

*Absences are only* ***excused*** *if the student was not in school that day, has a doctor’s note, or an* ***away*** *game with a school sports team for which he/she needs to leave early. Club meetings, appointments, really great concert tickets, extra help or making up an exam, etc. are* ***not*** *excused absences.*

*A “****late****” is when you either arrive late to rehearsal or* ***leave******early.*** *(If you miss* ***20 minutes*** *or more of rehearsal, it counts as an absence.)*

*Please see the MUSIC DEPT. GRADING POLICY for information on how an* ***absence from a******concert*** *or any* ***performance*** *will affect the marking period grade, and for all other pertinent information regarding your grade for an auditioned choir.*

*3 unexcused “****lates****” equals one unexcused absence. A “late” is only excused if your last period teacher made you stay after class and if you have a pass from him/her. (****Be careful about this. See below: Extra help is NOT an excused absence.****)*

*Some coaches want you to be at their practice earlier than 3:10; this is not feasible for auditioned choir members. Our rehearsals run* ***until******3:10****, unless the director says otherwise. If your coach would like to speak with the director about this, please feel free to have him/her contact the director at any time.*

*Please take care that you and your parents do your best to schedule doctor, dentist, etc., appointments around our rehearsal times.*

*Please take care that you do* ***not*** *plan to meet with teachers for* ***extra******help*** *during our rehearsal times. (****Extra help is NOT an excused absence****.) Please take the time to discuss possible meeting times with your other classroom teachers that do not conflict with our rehearsals.*

**NOTE**: If you need to be absent from rehearsal, please notify Mr. Hopta or Mrs. Cudworth at least an hour before the rehearsal, either by email or in person. It is necessary for their planning purposes to know how many students will be in attendance that day. Do not approach them immediately before the rehearsal begins and tell them you cannot be there.