

Novi Middle School Choir Program

Our mission is to integrate a positive musical experience into the Novi Middle School curriculum.

The primary emphasis of Choir at Novi Middle School is to provide a safe environment wherein music is used as a tool to help each student realize an increased awareness of self and others, aiming toward the development of positive self-esteem through successful experiences. Utilizing classroom involvement, concert performances, and the music itself, we will strive for:

- **Respect – for self and others**
- **Teamwork – working together to accomplish a common goal**
- **Emotional outlet/self-expression**
- **Self-control**
- **Increased self-confidence**
- **Responsibility for self**
- **Compassion for others**

GRADING

Students will receive points in each category.

1. DAILY Rehearsal Procedures (5points a day)

These points are worth 50% of the overall grade

Students will lose points for not following rehearsal procedures. This includes: tardiness, class participation, raising hand to speak, coming prepared, respectful behavior towards others, and cell phone use.

2. Attendance at **Mandatory** Concerts & Rehearsals

3. Assessments – written & knowledge of their part

CURRICULUM

Students will strive to perform a varied repertoire of music with technical and expressive accuracy. Additionally, students will develop vocal technique appropriate to their developmental level. Developing skills at the primary sight reading level will be emphasized. Units of study include: the study of traditional and popular choral repertoire, quality tone production, primary music literacy and musicianship, concert/performance preparation, and participation in Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) FESTIVAL Performances. In addition, students will learn responsibility, self-discipline, intrinsic motivation, and team work.

Attendance at rehearsals and performances outside of the school day is required





“Formal Attire” is provided

- 7th gr. Women – floor length green dress
- 8th gr. Women – floor length black dress
- Men – 3 piece tuxedo



FORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE is provided, except for:

- A. Girls – Black, closed-toe dress shoes (flats, pumps etc.) are mandatory. NO jewelry.
- B. Boys – Black dress shoes, dark socks are mandatory.
 1. Students are responsible for hemming dress/pants. Directions will be sent home with the attire
 2. All school-provided attire is required to be returned in the Spring, cleaned, and repaired.
 3. If missing or damaged, the student/parent is responsible for replacement cost.
- C. GREEN CHOIR T-SHIRT – Students will perform at Cedar Point and Just For Fun Concert. Students may also wear it to school on the day of a concert.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to show respectful, positive, non-disruptive behavior while at any music activity. Students may be removed from a rehearsal, performance, and/or activity if their contribution to the ensemble is negative and/or disruptive. Parents will be notified in advance of this.

COMMUNICATION

Please make sure your information is correct in MiStar as I will use the information to communicate. You can contact me via email or by phone.

Contact: kristen.grebinski@novik12.org
(248) 449-1600 ext. 6603

Or website: www.nmschoir.com

Conference Hour: 12:15PM to 1:05

Please email me to schedule a phone conference.

Please Note: Transportation to and from concerts will NOT be provided. (except for MSVMA Choral Festival & Cedar Point) Please make arrangements in advance since many are mandatory and will affect their grade.