

*2015 - 2016*  
*Eastlake Middle School*  
*Mr. Academia, Choir Director*  
**CHOIR SYLLABUS**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Eastlake Middle School Beginning Choir class is for students who love to sing and have a desire to improve and sing with a choir. Basic music theory, notes, rhythm, dynamics, tone production, and rehearsal and performance techniques will be taught. In addition, listening to other artists and styles of music will be part of the curriculum.

Choir students are expected to perform several times a year at the annual ELM Holiday Concert, the ELM Luau, the SUHDS Choral Festival, the ELM Spring Concert, the ELM Spring Fair and various other events. Last year we sang at Eastlake Middle School, Chula Vista High, the Otay Ranch Town Center, the Eastlake Village Walk, and at KUSI - TV Station.

We will be involved with most of these same programs this year. These concerts will give the choir exciting performance experience and teach us proper stage and audience techniques as we sing for live audiences.

**MATERIALS**

Each student will need to have the following materials for every class session:

1. Choir folder (1/2 " or 1" 3-ring binder)
2. Pencil or pen
3. A teachable, positive attitude

**CLASSROOM RULES POLICY**

Each student is expected to adhere to the procedures, rules, consequences, and rewards set out in the Classroom Discipline Plan. This plan will be read and signed by the student, the student's parents, and the choir director. In addition, each student is expected to adhere to the choir classroom procedures.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GRADES**

Scholarship grades are based on several factors:

- ❑ Listening log
- ❑ Theory Test
- ❑ Performances
- ❑ Effort

## **CITIZENSHIP GRADES**

Citizenship grades are based on several factors:

- ❑ Class participation
- ❑ Excessive talking or not paying attention
- ❑ Cooperation with the teacher and other students
- ❑ Willingness to adhere to the Classroom Discipline Plan
- ❑ Absences and tardies

Since we are a performance group, all performances are mandatory and a grade will be given for each event. Like any class, if a student misses a performance, they will be excused, but make-up work will be assigned.

This will be an enjoyable year for your child. Please encourage them in their efforts. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the number below or by e-mail.

Respectfully,

*Mr. Academia*

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