

GRADE POINT RACE:

Sophomore/Junior choir students may take choir “pass/no fail” regardless of which choir they are in. This is beneficial for those students who are college bound and have accelerated (weighted) courses on their schedules. If the student successfully completes the requirements of the choir, he/she will receive a “pass” grade that gives the student credit for the class, but does not count against grade point. Choir may be taken ONE year as a “pass/no fail.”

A student who has auditioned and been selected for Chorale may take choir “weighted” during their Junior/Senior year. If the student successfully completes the requirements of Chorale, *as well as the two additional requirements listed below*, the “A” grade counts as 5 points in his/her grade point average. Students may also take Singers “weighted” in their Junior/Senior year. A “weighted” class can be taken ONE year.

FIRST Semester Requirement:

1. 250 word biographical essay on a composer (you choose) of choral music. The composer can be from any time period, but the music must be for (at least) SATB arrangement. Be sure to document in a bibliography any books or websites used. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
2. Select one piece of choral music by this composer that Horlick has not performed in the last five years and provide an **AUDIO** recording (burn to CD or give internet link to an mp3) **AND** a copy of the purchased or downloaded **SHEET MUSIC**. The binder library may be used, but music must be returned.
3. Explain, in no less than 100 words, why this piece appeals to you and why you think that Horlick should perform it.
4. Your work must be received by Mrs. Christensen before the Finals of first semester.

SECOND Semester Requirement: A student taking Chorale/Singers “weighted” must perform ten (10) SEPARATE one-on-one 15 minute tutoring sessions (during free period or after school) with a Horlick choir student, to work on rhythm, sight singing, and/or vocal piece for solo/ensemble (do NOT clump into 1/2 hours). – OR – must lead ten (10) SEPARATE 10 minute sectionals during their regular Chorale/Singers rehearsal. Each session must be witnessed with a signature and date for student to receive credit. Mrs. Christensen must receive completed date form by the end of second semester for full credit.