

Salinas High School **Acappella 2018-2019**

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Welcome to Acappella! We have an exciting year planned! I am looking forward to working with and getting to know each and every one of you. You are now part of a very special ensemble that will give you lasting memories and bring you musical and personal growth as you work together to create beautiful music. In this class we will strive towards raising the excellence level that is already expected of this group. Because of this, the expectations are high! Please make sure you read through all the information listed here and file this away in a place you can access it when needed.

It is important that you AND YOUR PARENTS understand the policies and procedures that are required for this performance class.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION AT THE END OF THIS SYLLABUS.

SHS ACAPPELLA REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

- Listen and follow instructions at all times.
- Always show respect for the director and other students.
- Enter the room before the tardy bell rings and be prepared to rehearse!!
- No gum or food is allowed in the music room! You may bring water!!
- ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PUT AWAY- out of sight!
- ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES!!
- Always give your best!!

SHS ACAPPELLA GRADING SCALE

- Performance Attendance- 40%
- Class Participation- 20%
- Singing and Written tests and quizzes- 20%
- Written Assignments- 10%
- Performance Review- 10% (1 performance review per semester)

Grades are based on a points and percentage basis:

100%-90%	A
89%-80%	B
79%-70%	C
69%-60%	D
59%-	F

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

- Performance attendance is **REQUIRED!!**

This is a performance based class and attendance at all performances is mandatory for a successful performance. **PLEASE PUT ALL DATES ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR UPON RECEIVING IT!** This will help avoid accidental conflicts!

Excused absences consist of illness and family emergency. All other requests are subject to director approval. **REQUESTS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES (other than illness and emergency) MUST BE IN WRITTEN FORM FROM PARENTS AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE.**

- All performances are graded on Full Dress Rehearsal, Call Time Arrival, and Performance with Excellence. **100 Points**
- Excused Absence- **50 points** (makeup work is available to increase points)
- Unexcused Absence or No Show- **0 points** (no opportunity for makeup)

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Each student must complete a written performance review each semester. It must be a review of a **LIVE MUSICAL** performance. It may include concerts, musical theater, dance, recitals, etc. Your review should be at least four paragraphs and include all aspects of the performance.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

Students will not be allowed to perform unless they are in complete uniform! The main uniform is provided. Informal shirts and sweatshirts may be available for purchase, but are not mandatory.

Women- Concert Black Dress. This will need to be purchased through the school. They are \$80. We have a few from other students who will sell them at \$40. Black closed toe dress shoes are also needed.

Men- Black tuxedo, and bow tie will be provided by the school. You must provide a white tuxedo shirt and black dress shoes. A full tuxedo is available for purchase if you would like to have your own. They normally run around \$100.

Each student will be required to professionally dry clean and return the tuxedo at the completion of the class. It is your responsibility to properly care for the dress or tuxedo. If it is not returned properly, you will receive a bill through ASB for the item. Students who are not dressed in the proper attire will not be allowed to perform resulting in an unexcused performance absence. (0pts)

FUNDRAISING AND TOURS

Fundraising allows the SHS Music Department to purchase music, equipment and uniforms. It helps to pay for travel expense and festival fees. Everyone benefits from fundraising efforts. Some fundraising will go into the student's individual account to pay for such expenses as the dress or field trips. All funds in student accounts will roll over to the next year.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL MUSIC EXPERIENCES

Interested students are encouraged to audition for All-State, Regional and Central Coast Honor Choirs. These are once in a lifetime experiences. There is a cost involved in these groups which you are able to use your fundraising for. Information will be given to students as it is received.

SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music Boosters supports music at every school. We encourage all families to join and participate in this organization. We would love to have more choir parent involvement. Please consider becoming a member of the booster board.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are the key to student success! Please encourage your student to achieve his/her full musical potential. Your cooperation and participation in enabling your student to attend all rehearsals and performances is essential.

Please supply me with a current email address as I will periodically send pertinent information. Also, please contact me if you are willing to help in any area. Parents are always welcome in the music room. Email is the best way to reach me. michelle.boulware@salinasuhd.org

Please **SIGN BELOW AND RETURN.**

I have read the objectives, expectations, rehearsal procedures, grading policy and performance standards for the SHS Acappella. I understand them and will do my part to follow them and make this year a positive musical experience.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Current parent email _____ phone _____

I would be willing to volunteer in the following ways:

_____ Uniform Check out/Sizing

_____ Video Recording

_____ Publicity

_____ Fundraising Committee

_____ Chaperone Field trips/other

_____ Concert Back Stage Assistance

_____ Member of Music Boosters