



# PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Student:

Everyone walks into choir thinking that they deserve an 'A.' Many students take choir with this expectation and then are disappointed when it doesn't happen. This usually leads to an awkward conversation with students and the begging and pleading that is always associated with the end of each term. In an effort to avoid this, I am giving you a fool-proof guide to the grade you always wanted. Enjoy!

How to earn an 'A' in choir:

1. Attendance and participation in EVERY rehearsal.
  - A. If you miss you will need to practice on your own for 60 minutes and bring in a signed practice log to make up the points. This includes excused absences, school excused absences and being 'checked out' of rehearsal. Rehearsals are recorded and posted at [pghschoirs.org](http://pghschoirs.org).
  - B. Unexcused absences must be made up through attendance school to avoid an NC. Participation make up is NOT available for unexcused absences.
  - C. Participation grades will be docked for ANY infraction of the classroom rules and regulations.
2. Attendance and participation at EVERY MANDATORY performance.
  - A. You have a list of all performances scheduled. Make sure you attend and participate in every one.
  - B. Performances may be added throughout the school year. Information will be distributed as soon as possible.
  - C. Make up for missed performances is at the discretion of Mr. Wilcock and will include performance of concert literature in front of the class.
  - D. Family vacations, activities not directly related to PGHS, work and any other conflict other than extreme personal or immediate family illness will not be considered for make up credit.
  - E. If you have a conflict that is unavoidable, please talk with Mr. Wilcock as soon as you can. Chances are we can work out a compromise but only if you plan ahead.
3. Completion of all assignments.
  - A. You must complete all online evaluations, concert evaluations and any other assignment or evaluation given during the allotted time.
  - B. Missed assignments and evaluations must be made up within two weeks. This only applies to excused absences, school excused absences and being 'checked out.'
  - C. If you miss an assignment or evaluation and the absence is unexcused, you will not be able to make up the work.

That's it folks! Simple and easy instructions on how to guarantee the grade that you all feel you deserve. If you can't follow those guidelines then you can't expect to receive an 'A.' Be organized and plan ahead! Communicate with Mr. Wilcock, your parents, your coaches, your advisors, ecclesiastical leaders, bosses and anyone else that you need to work with to make your experience successful. Don't leave your grade to chance. Take charge and make it happen.

Sincerely,

Jim Wilcock  
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