

2018-2019

UPPER SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS HANDBOOK



Welcome to Performing Arts!

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in Performing Arts. You and your parents/guardians will need to know the information included in the Performing Arts Student Handbook. Please read all the material thoroughly as you will be held responsible for it. The Performing Arts Department is committed to helping students discover and develop their unique abilities, to gain self-confidence and poise, to experience the joy that comes from the creative process and to create memories that will remain with them throughout their lives.

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Fees

Performance classes that involve a costume, and/or competition costs have an accompanying activity fee. **Scholarship money is available.** Activity fees for musical ensembles includes dinner on concert nights.

Musical Ensembles

MS Show Choir	\$ 100.00
HS Concert Choir only	\$ 80.00
MS/HS Band/Orchestra	\$ 80.00
HS Show Choir/Band	\$ 295.00
(Includes HS Concert Choir/Band fee)	

Theater Productions

MS/HS Drama Clubs	FREE
All School Musical	\$ 220.00

Performing Arts Offerings

Choral Ensembles

Middle School Concert Choir
Middle School Show Choir
High School Concert Choir
High School Show Choir
Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Instrumental Ensembles

Middle School Band
Middle School Strings
High School Band
High School Strings
Funkrock Band

Drama Offerings

The P.A.C. Rats Theater Workshop
The P.A.C. Mice Theater Workshop
Tapestry Variety Show
Upper School Drama Clubs
All School Musical

Music Lessons

Private lessons with International Music Conservatory. Contact Gail Chavez at gchavez@ism-sabis.net.

Student Leadership Opportunities

Cast Captains
Dance Captains
Librarians
Stage Managers
SLO Performing Arts Prefect

Policies

Grading—Music Performance Classes

The student's grade per term is based on the following criteria: 25% written or performed tests, 50% rehearsal skills (see rubric below), 25% performance/concert points.

Conduct

Each student is expected to show respect for teachers, fellow students, and chaperones at all times. This includes being able to listen quietly to instructions and to carry them out appropriately, whether in the classroom or in a concert situation. When performing in the community, conduct on and off stage must reflect the standards expected of an ISM school representative.

ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR DRUGS WILL BE TOLERATED.

STUDENTS USING THESE SUBSTANCES WILL BE SENT HOME FROM TOUR OR CONCERT APPEARANCES AT THEIR PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' EXPENSE AND MEMBERSHIP WILL BE TERMINATED.

Rehearsal Attire

Students must wear tennis shoes at all rehearsals – No bare feet! Students may change into dance clothes in time for rehearsal.

Concert Attendance

Attendance is required for all concerts and dress rehearsals. The concert is the “final exam” for any arts class. The only justifiable excused absences from performances are: illness, death or funeral in the immediate family, or religious belief conflict.

Should a student have to miss a performance, the following procedure must be followed:

A written note from a parent/guardian must be given to the teacher **prior** to that performance.

In the event that a student has an absence that has been excused prior to the performance or dress rehearsal or is ill and has notified the school, the student will prepare a written assignment reflective of the concert music. The assignment is due within three school days or a student’s grade will be lowered by 25% (the entire amount of the performance grade – see grading).

If notification does not occur before the activity, the student will not have the opportunity to do a makeup assignment and the student’s grade will be lowered by 25%.

Being a member of a performance-based organization requires commitment. It is a group effort and the absence of an individual impacts the whole group. Students choosing one of the Performing Arts classes are making a yearlong commitment. The policy for dropping classes also applies to performing arts classes.

Costumes

The **department will provide all costume items** for Middle School and High School performing groups. Students will be responsible for keeping clothing and costume items hung neatly in garment bags.

Lost items will be billed at full amount of replacement.

HS Show Choir/Band

Attendance

Attendance will be taken at every Concert Choir and Show Choir class. Students who miss three classes per term will be in jeopardy of dismissal from the group.

Missing three after-school rehearsals = missing nine periods

Tardiness will be recorded. Students who consistently come in late will be in jeopardy of dismissal from the group.

Tour

Individual fundraising opportunities will be provided for those that wish to raise personal funds for the tour. Group fundraising activities are encouraged for all members.

Individual accounts are kept for each student.

If you are unable to attend a group fundraising opportunity you will not share in the money raised for that event.

Students are expected to adhere to touring rules as listed in the tour information.

Failure to follow these rules will result in dismissal from the tour at the parent's/guardian's expense.

Regardless of whether a student is able to attend the tour, they will still be required to attend all other performances during the year.

Parents will be given a tour agreement to sign. If a student is not able to attend the tour after the agreement is signed, the parent/guardian will be responsible for charges incurred on the student's behalf.

Performing Arts Parent Volunteers

All parents will be asked to sign up for various responsibilities during the year. This is the only way possible for us to offer so many opportunities for your child throughout the year. Each parent/guardian should volunteer for at least two activities. All of us together make the work easier. Watch your email for these opportunities.

Prepared for class with materials and seated at bell
Demonstrates musical concepts in rehearsal
Listens attentively and responds to director instruction
Does not have food, gum, or drinks in rehearsal rooms
Displays cooperation with other students and director
Treats music, folder, and instrument well (including storage)
Uses appropriate posture
Exhibits leadership in his or her section
Treats costume with care and responsibility
Brings a positive attitude to class and shares it

Performing Arts Dates

November 1	6:00	Gr. 1-5 Choral Concert
November 6	3:00	PAC Rats
December 7	7:00	Tapestry...Music, Drama, & Dance
December 8	11:00-3:00	Tapestry...Music, Drama, & Dance
December 21	12:00	ECE Holiday Sing-Along
January 10	7:00	MS/HS Choral Concert
January 24	7:00	All School Instrumental Concert
January 31	7:00	MS/HS Show Choir Concert
February 1	7:00	MS/HS Show Choir Concert
March 15	7:00	All School Musical
March 16	7:00	All School Musical
March 17	2:00	All School Musical
March 23	2:00	All School Musical
March 24	2:00	All School Musical
May 2	6:00	Gr. 1-5 Choral Concert
May 7	7:00	All School Instrumental Concert
May 21	7:00	MS/HS Choral Concert
May 28	3:00	PAC Mice