

H Grade Requirements

A semester's worth of lessons from a voice teacher (paid or not paid).

At the end of the semester you will sign up to sing a jury for the music faculty. If it is your first semester of voice lessons with your current teacher you are only required to sing two contrasting pieces at your honors jury. Everyone else is required to prepare three contrasting pieces (No pop. Musical theatre permitted only by prior approval of Mr. Reeves or Mr. Fox). Your teacher will understand what contrasting means (by tempo, style, period, language, etc.).

You will need either a pianist or a cd of your accompaniments. Either is fine. You will sing one piece of your choosing and the faculty committee will choose one. This means you will sing two of the three you have prepared. During this time you will demonstrate in 10minutes what you have gained from your semester of lessons. Know the music and what you are singing about. If there are terms (allegro, for example) know what they mean. You will be asked questions.

Look nice. Dress up.

You may print off the Honors Grade Application from this website. Your voice teacher must sign off that you completed a semester's worth of lessons. Complete the top portion and hand to Mr. Reeves as you enter the jury.

Bring a 1-2 page typed biography about one of the composers from your pieces that semester. Be sure to include your sources in some way (be specific). Don't cheat. It is an honors grade.

Bring a typed repertoire list. It is a single sheet of paper that indicates not only the music you are singing for the committee but everything you have worked on with your teacher this semester.

Bring 3 photocopies of the music you are singing, or originals, whichever you prefer. These copies are for the faculty. Even if you think there will only be one or two faculty, make three photo copies of each piece.

Make music. Just getting from start to finish is not enough.

Remember that those pursuing a Fall Semester Honors Jury MUST audition for All-Suburban Choir, if asked, and audition for All-State if selected to. Those pursuing a Spring Semester Honors Jury MUST perform either a vocal solo or in a vocal ensemble for District Solo/Small Ensemble Festival and perform at State Solo/Small Ensemble if selected to. Students who receive a vocal solo 1 rating at State Music Festival do not have to perform a Spring Honors Jury but must still hand in the Honors Grade Application signed by your voice teacher, the composer biography and the repertoire sheet by the date of the scheduled juries.

For Fall 2008 juries ONLY, students selected to All-State Choir will not have to perform a jury but still must hand in the Honors Grade Application signed by your voice teacher, composer biography, and Repertoire sheet by the date of the scheduled juries.

Be prepared and you will be great.