

The Guide to Music and Merit Points

Your guide to the frequently asked questions about Music and Merit Points

What are music and merit points?

Because there are so many optional activities outside of the classroom, chorus students are eligible to receive varsity letters and other things to those students who put in extra time outside of class. We track this by keeping a list of points for various activities you may choose to participate in.

Do I need to participate in this?

No. This is a completely voluntary program. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your grade in any way.

How do I earn them?

Music points are earned by participating in music related activities outside of class. Merit points are earned by contributing to the choral department in various ways beyond classroom requirements. Sometimes you may find that an activity will earn you both music AND merit points.

How many points do I get for which activities?

Below is a list of some of the activities and the amount of points that can be earned by doing those activities.

- Having a parent attend the monthly Booster Meeting -- 1 merit point per month
- Attending a student social -- 1 merit point per social
- Volunteering to help (uniform day, caroling, library work, car washes etc.) -- 2 merit points
- Having a parent volunteer to help (uniform day, tag day, DOB, spring trip check-in, etc.) -- 1 merit point
- Being a DOB server -- 1 merit point per performance
- Participating in Dessert on Broadway -- 5 music points and 5 merit points
- Participating in District Chorus, Honors Choir, or All-State Chorus -- 3 music points and 3 merit points
- Auditioning for a solo, a part in a musical, SWE, SVE, District Chorus, Honors Choir, or All-State Chorus -- 2 music points and 1 merit point
- Participating in a Musical -- 3 music points
- Participating in a choir outside of school (church choirs, community choirs, etc.) -- 2 music points
- Music Lessons -- 2 music points for every month of lessons
- Going to see a concert or musical (does not include popular music concerts) -- 1 music point
- Bringing in 1 ink cartridge for recycling -- 1 merit point

What will I get and how many points do I need?

In order to receive an award you must earn 10 or more music points and 15 or more merit points. For each year you are in the choral department, you are eligible for a different award.

- 1st year in the choral dept. -- Music and Merit point certificate
- 2nd year in the choral dept. --Varsity letter
- 3rd year in the choral dept. -- Chorus pin
- 4th year in the choral dept. -- Chorus medal

How do you keep track of the points?

We will keep a binder for each choir in the chorus room. You will have your own page on which we will keep a list of your activities and their corresponding point value. It is your responsibility, however, to turn in your points. Each month, you will be informed of what day your points for that month are due. On that day, an officer will collect points during class. After that due date, no points from before that time will be accepted. The only exception to this rule is for music lessons, which can be turned in during May for the whole year.

How do I prove that I actually participated in the activities?

For events like DOB, District Chorus, and auditions we will be getting a list from Mr. Ehrlich. For Booster meetings and socials, there will be a sign-in sheet at the event. For volunteer work for chorus, sometimes there will be a sign-in sheet. If there is not a sign-in sheet, however, you will need to get a signature from the person in charge.

For activities outside the choral department (school musical, music lessons, church choir, etc.), you will need a note signed by the teacher or person in charge of the activity. If you go to see a concert or musical, you will need to bring in a ticket stub or program so we can see that you went, but you will get it back.

**Please remember that it is your choice whether
you participate in this program or not.**

**It is your responsibility to make sure that you turn in your points by
the due date, and that they are correct.**