



blend, all students will work to produce a healthy vocal tone quality that will contribute positively to the total sound of the ensemble while matching the vocal production of the other members. Students who receive vocal instruction outside of class are reminded that when they are participating as part of a Brazoswood ensemble, they are expected to conform to the character and vocal production of the ensemble (just as a dancer would be expected to perform a group routine in a manner that conforms to their ensemble). We will make every attempt to include all of the members of this organization in as many activities as possible. When appropriate, students may audition for available seats in more advanced ensembles. We will voice test any student who wishes more information about their vocal placement.

SIGHT AND MUSIC READING

Another area of student instruction is sightreading and/or the skill of reading music. Since all students learn differently and have different levels of ability at the beginning of the year, students will work to improve their skills in music and rhythmic reading throughout their participation in choir. Students will be given instruction and tested on their ability to read music from a score and to reproduce the pitches printed on a page. Students will also learn to use musical terms correctly.

STUDENT GRADES

In order to evaluate the progress of the student, they will be required to take both written and performance tests including "live" and "taped" performances. The student will be graded on both their current performance skill and their degree of improvement. The grading system as outlined by our school district includes: 75% for performance and/or demonstration of skills, homework, practice assignments, daily work and tests AND 25% for six week's examinations. Sectional rehearsals and night rehearsals are recognized by our school district as a graded event. You will receive full credit for those activities by being on time and participating fully. You will also receive at least one weekly grade for daily rehearsals. The quality of your work and effort will determine this grade. You will also be graded on all co-curricular concerts and events.

ACTIVITY FEE

NO FEE THIS YEAR!!!