**Adolfo Camarillo High School Mariachi Grading Policy**

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Grades are based on the following criteria:

***Class Participation (20%)*** This grade is determined by your enthusiastic daily participation, attendance, and rehearsal etiquette. Come to class regularly with a positive attitude, pencil, music folder, and instrument to receive full credit for participation. You are expected to practice (may include singing) each day in Mariachi. If there is an extenuating circumstance for which you are unable to perform, you must speak with the teacher prior to the beginning of class. These factors may negatively impact your participation grade: not following setup/teardown procedures, chewing gum, eating, drinking anything other than water, class disruptions, negative attitudes, instrument left at home, and unexcused absences. Unexcused absences will be recorded as a grade of zero.

***Paperwork, Tests and Quizzes (20%)*** This grade is determined through sight-reading evaluations, music memorization, tests of musical knowledge (basic music theory) and individual or group in-class performance assessments. *It is also a chance to get credit for timely filing of paperwork*. Music should be maintained and marked appropriately (with pencil) throughout the rehearsal process. Music folders will be checked on a regular basis to see if they are being properly maintained.

***Performance (40%)*** This grade is based on attendance, preparation, and participation in concerts (or any time we play outside the classroom). Concerts are one of the most rewarding parts of this class! Please reference Mr. Sachs’ website calendar for all required concerts. You may be excused from a concert by receiving approval from the director at least two weeks (fourteen calendar days) in advance or by verifiable emergency. Approval for EXCUSED ABSENCES IS RARE and is granted at the discretion of the director. If a performance is missed for an excused absence, you will be assigned an alternate assignment, selected by the teacher, in lieu of the concert. It will be due one week after the time of the concert. Due to the high volume of requests we get for the Mariachi group throughout the year not all performances can be on the calendar at the beginning of the year. Call times (arrival times) and the exact time we perform cannot be guaranteed so it is important to be prepared and be flexible. IMPORTANT: per music department policy students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to perform in concert with the group.

***Dress Rehearsals (20%)*** Attendance at all dress rehearsals is mandatory. The Dress Rehearsals are in place to address specific musical and logistical aspects of an upcoming performance. They can also help settle nerves! Once scheduled they will be on the calendar which is accessible through my website. Additional Dress Rehearsals may be scheduled throughout the year with at least two weeks prior notice. If a Dress Rehearsal is missed for an excused absence, there will be a research project assigned reflecting the course requirement (20%) due one week later.

Mariachi is a fun and rewarding class with students becoming knowledgeable and excited about music! If you have any questions feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Jon Sachs

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I have read the ACHS Mariachi Grading Policies:

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_