

Concert Choir

Course Description / Objectives:

Concert Choir: Concert Choir is a full-year, vocal music performing arts ensemble available to all students (grades 9-12) and may be repeated through all four years of high school. In chorus class, students will learn the basics of reading music notation to expand sight-reading and analytical skills. They will learn the rudiments of how the voice works, to maintain vocal health and gain proficiency on their instrument. In time, they will make connections as they synthesize their knowledge and personal experiences to create music through their engagement in a variety of music literature as it is introduced, studied, and performed throughout the year. Available leadership roles in the ensemble include: choral manager, stage manager, music librarian, section leaders, and narrators.

As a performing arts course, the ensemble performs regularly at school and community concerts and participates in adjudications (including, but not limited to the Monmouth County Teen Arts Festival). Attendance at concerts and rehearsals (during and after school), is required and will be graded as summative assessments, as full participation in these activities allows students to demonstrate their skills and achievements. Personal practice time outside of the regular school day is also required. Practice activities are graded as formative assessments, similar to homework assignments in non-performing arts classes.

By the end of each semester, the ensemble will demonstrate their interpretation, ideas, and techniques in a mandatory dress rehearsal and concert performance which represent the midterm and final exams.

Required Materials

- Choir Folder & Music (provided by teacher)
- Pencil (no pens).

**Always bring your materials to class! Preparation for learning is considered in your participation grade.*

Classroom Expectations

- Students are expected to abide by the school dress code (i.e. no hats, pajamas, headphones, etc.)
- Cell phone use is NOT permitted in the classroom UNLESS instructed by the teacher to use it for an assignment.

- On special occasions, the teacher may allow students to use their cell phones at the end of class if there is extra time AFTER all daily objectives have been met.
- Students are expected to arrive ON TIME for class. Tardiness will affect grades. Any REASON for tardiness should be reported to the teacher with a valid & signed school pass.
- Upon entering the classroom, students will grab their choir folders from their assigned slot and patiently wait, seated, on the risers. Folders should have inside the sight reading book, assigned sheet music, and a pencil!

Grading

CATEGORY & WEIGHT	DESCRIPTION
LEVEL 1 - 20% of the marking period grade	- Formative assignments, awarded grades for accuracy and/or active engagement
LEVEL 2 - 30% of the marking period grade	- In-depth assignments, measure level of understanding, transfer content knowledge to learning activities
LEVEL 3 - 50% of the marking period grade	- Students mastered the content taught

<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
A+	97 - 100
A	93 - 96
A-	90 - 92
B+	87 - 89
B	83 - 86
B-	80 - 82
C+	77 - 79

C	73 - 76
C-	70 - 72
D+	67 - 69
D	65 - 66
F	55 - 64

Performance Dates & Attire:

Scheduled performances will be notified to the students via in-person instruction and posted on Google Classroom. These dates will also be on display in class as a reminder. Performance dates should be noted by the students in either a planner or calendar.

Choir Performance Attire: If choir attire is not provided (i.e. dresses for ladies or robes for all), performance attire will be semi-formal attire in ALL BLACK.

YES: Dress shirt, blouse, dress, jumpsuit, dress pant, midi-maxi skirt, dress shoes, heels - ALL BLACK ATTIRE!

NO: T-shirt, sweatshirt, cropped shirt, tank top, noodle strap tank top, jeans, cargo pant, sneakers, non-permitted colors

*If you are unsure of performance attire, you may consult with me.

Texts & Resources

Any text required for the course, such as theory worksheets, sight/reading books, & sheet music, will be provided by the instructor.

Extra Help

If you would like extra help or would like to use the choir room/piano lab as a place for practice, you may come in during SAP period OR contact me for extra help during lunch.