

## 2018-2019 East Middle School Choir Syllabus

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**Course Description:** East Middle School choirs are choral ensembles that focuses on the development of comprehensive choral musicianship through the performance experience. Members will be exposed to a breadth of music literature with an emphasis on high quality performance and thorough understanding. This ensemble performs throughout the year. All students are expected to attend all required concerts for their choir. The concert dates will be given to students the third week of school.

**Course Goal:**The goal of the director is to assist in the development of comprehensive musicians (quality performers as well as knowledgeable and skilled musicians). High standards result in high achievement. As the director, I set the highest standards for myself and my ensemble members. Musical growth requires significant effort from everyone involved. Each of the objectives listed below will be addressed on a daily & weekly basis in rehearsal.

**Course Objectives:** By the completion of the year, all students will be expected to accomplish the following:

### Vocal Skills

1. Demonstrate appropriate music reading and aural skills in regular rehearsals, performances, and during singing evaluations.
2. Demonstrate appropriate vocal technique (including proper breath control and good tone quality) in regular rehearsals, performances, and during singing evaluations.
3. Demonstrate appropriate choral singing technique (including balance, blend, and intonation) in regular rehearsals, performances, and during singing evaluations.
4. Demonstrate musical performance of all the focus literature\* (including note accuracy, memorization, and musicality) in regular rehearsals, performances, and during singing evaluations.

### Musical Knowledge

1. Demonstrate knowledge of all musical terminology reflected in the focus literature.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of the focus literature as presented in rehearsals.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic form and structure of the focus literature as presented in rehearsals.
4. Demonstrate the ability to critically listen and evaluate the musical performance of the ensemble.

### Grading Policy:

- **Summative** (Tests, Concerts) -**70%**
- **Formative** (Quizzes) **20%**
- **Daily** (Participation during class & Homework)-**10%**

**Late Policy:** Check Individual School Policy

**Materials & Supplies:** You will be issued music for your class/choir. It is your responsibility to come to class with your music and a pencil each day. You will also receive a rehearsal CD that you will use to practice your music at home. If you lose your CD or music, there might be a small fee in order to receive a new copy. A practice log will be given to you and will require you to show proof that you practiced for a certain amount of time each week. This document will need to remain in your binder and must require a signature from a parent each week.

**Calendar:** The East Middle School Choir Calendar is still in progress, but you will have a copy by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. You will still have plenty of time to secure transportation and conflict issues. Remember that attendance at all concerts and events is mandatory.