

Department: Music

Course Title: Choral Activities I

Course #: 953

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course is an elective for 9th and 10th grade female students who wish to participate in a vocal performing group. **NO AUDITION IS NECESSARY.** Students will learn proper choral sound, the skill necessary to sing in parts, and will have a working knowledge of the musical score. They will demonstrate proper breathing for singing, proper posture, diction, and tone. Emphasis will be placed on reading notation, rhythm identification, tonal memory (sight singing), and general musical independence. Students will be given the opportunity to perform in smaller ensembles and do solo work as needed. Achievement will be demonstrated through public performances, rehearsals, and peer evaluation as it is needed, quizzes, small group singing, and a final exam. Students are required to attend all performances as part of their grade.

The choral curriculum will focus on areas of tone development, articulation, style, written theory, aural theory, music history, timbre, tone color, elements of music (rhythm, melody, harmony, texture), forms of music, and the interpretation and discrimination of music through the learning and performance of high quality choral literature. Although each of these concepts will be touched on throughout the year, a few areas will be heavily emphasized as the music dictates.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS
Varied vocal repertoire (styles of performance)	<i>All Year</i>	9.1.12
Sight-singing (solfege) (elements used in singing/aural theory)	<i>All Year</i>	9.1.12
Written Theory (reading and notating skills)	<i>All Year</i>	9.1.12
Ear-training exercises (critical response to music/aural theory)	<i>All Year</i>	9.3.12
Vocal Health (warm-up, technique, vocal safety)	<i>All Year</i>	9.1.12
Performance Skills (demonstration of music learned)	<i>All Year</i>	9.4.12
Historical and cultural perspectives (music history)	<i>All Year</i>	9.2.12
Critical Listening	<i>All Year</i>	9.3.12

Also, lessons will be aligned to incorporate the Language Arts and Mathematics Standards as well

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: Concert Choir, Zephyr Choir, Small groups/ensembles/solos, Chorale Music Octavos, Sight singing exercises, handouts, recordings, videos, homework, worksheets, quizzes, tests.