

Grade 7 & 8 Choir

COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS:

Grade 7 & 8 Choir is designed as a performance-based course in which students learn advanced vocal techniques and music reading skills. This course is divided into beginning, intermediate, and advanced choirs, allowing for differentiation in the course material and performance expectations. Additionally, these courses prepare students for further study at the high school level. **At the teacher's discretion, the course will utilize approved district technology resources, such as Ningenius, Flat, Sightreading Factory, Make Music Cloud, ReadyMade Music, and Tone Savvy.**

COURSE TEKS & OBJECTIVES:

The TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Grade 7 & 8 Choir align with [§117.209-210. Music, Middle School, Level 2 & 3](#). The TEKS are organized into strands, each focusing on a specific area of music. These strands include: Music Literacy; Creative Expression; Historical & Cultural Relevance; and Critical Evaluation & Response. Each strand contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1	Semester 2
• Developmentally Appropriate Tone • Solfege Syllables & Handsigns • Music Theory • Sightreading in Unison & Parts • Choral Performance • Performer & Audience Etiquette • Critical Evaluation of Performance • Individualized Competition • Opportunity for Private Voice Study • Social, Cultural, & Historical Context	• Developmentally Appropriate Tone • Vocal Solo Performance • Musical Expression • Sightreading of Full-Length Pieces • Choral Performance • Performer & Audience Etiquette • Critical Evaluation of Performance • Concert & Sightreading Evaluation • Personal Reflection • Social, Cultural, & Historical Context