

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Chorus / Theatre Arts

GRADE: 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Chorus/ Theatre Arts offers 8th Grade students the opportunity to participate in Chorus and Theatre Arts in a class setting. Students will continue to develop their vocal performance skills by singing together as a choir. Students will also have the opportunity to: study and perform acting; be introduced to various aspects of technical theater including directing, stagecraft, costumes, stage make-up, publicity, and design; participate in all aspects of a theatrical production; and see and analyze live performances. As an MYP Arts class, all students in Chorus/Theatre Arts will create and maintain a process journal, demonstrating their growth and achievement as students of Chorus and Theatre. Students will be assessed using Criterion A: Investigating; Criterion B: Developing; Criterion C: Creating/Performing; and Criterion D: Evaluating. This class meets every other day, so independent practice is important to help students improve and develop the necessary singing and acting skills. Students are expected to perform at: two concerts each school year, the 8th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony, and one 8th grade Theatre Arts Play in order to showcase their hard work and growth.

I. GRADING PROCEDURE FOR CHORUS/THEATER ARTS

Sources for accumulating points are:

- a. Written Quizzes and Exams
- b. Performance Testing
- c. Written work including character research and analysis, playwriting, etc.
- d. Journals/ Reflections/ Peer Assessment
- e. Memorization Tests (acting and Choral Music Repertoire)
- f. Performance Participation
- g. Daily Participation including rehearsals outside of scheduled class time

II. **CHORUS/ Theater Arts Performances:** A Chorus/Theater Arts Performance is the culmination of student work and is therefore crucial for the class.

A. Rehearsal and performance dates are given out in plenty of time to rearrange and accommodate clubs, sports, and/or other responsibilities.

B. Students will be required to perform at the:

1. Winter Music Concert- December, 2024
2. Spring Music Concert- May, 2025
3. 8th Grade Theatre Arts Spring Play- May or June, 2025
4. 8th Grade Stepping Up- June, 2025

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