

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Chorus / Onstage Theatre Arts

GRADE: 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Chorus/Theatre Arts offers 8th grade students the opportunity to engage in both vocal music and theatre within a classroom setting. Students will continue developing their vocal performance skills through ensemble singing while also exploring acting and performance techniques. In addition, students will be introduced to key areas of technical theatre, including directing, stagecraft, costumes, stage makeup, publicity, and design, and will participate in all aspects of a theatrical production as well as view and analyze live performances.

As an MYP Arts course, students will maintain a process journal to document their growth and achievement in Chorus and Theatre Arts. Assessment will be based on Criterion A: Investigating, Criterion B: Developing, Criterion C: Creating/Performing, and Criterion D: Evaluating. Because the class meets every other day, independent practice is essential for continued skill development in both music and acting. Students are expected to perform in two concerts each year, the 8th Grade Stepping Up ceremony, and one 8th grade Theatre Arts play to showcase their progress and accomplishments.

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 music)
- 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 2026
 2. District Chorus Festival: Early Spring 2027
 3. Spring Music Concert: May 2027
 4. 8TH GRADE Theatre Arts Play: March 2027
- Tech Week Rehearsals: Week before the show in March
 - SPRINGHURST MATINEE: TBA.
5. Stepping Up: June 2027

C. In addition, students will be encouraged to **attend** the following performance:

- High School Theatre Arts Showcase: February 2027