

Grade 8 Choir

Course Description:

Throughout the course of the eighth-grade year, students will engage in a choral program designed to cultivate an enjoyment of performing as part of an ensemble. Instruction will include singing, sight-singing (using do, re, mi, etc.), rhythm reading, pitch reading, listening, and analyzing. Emphasis will be given to sight-singing and singing as part of an ensemble. Students will increase their skill level in reading basic rhythmic and melodic notation. They will also work on further developing their singing voice, matching pitching, and using good vocal techniques when singing.

Standard 1: Students in the West Salem School District will perform music.

As evidenced based on classroom assessments, the student is able to:

- C8.1 Sing on pitch
- C8.2 Sing in rhythm
- C8.3 Use proper singing technique
- C8.4 Maintain a steady beat
- C8.5 Perform music as part of an ensemble
- C8.6 Demonstrate proper concert etiquette

Standard 2: Students in the West Salem School District will respond to music.

As evidenced based on classroom assessments, the student is able to:

- C8.7 Identify and use musical elements to describe performances
- C8.8 Use music vocabulary to reflect on performances

Standard 3: Students in the West Salem School District will connect music to cultural and historical context.

As evidenced based on classroom assessments, the student is able to:

- C8.9 Understand cultural and historical aspects of music

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