

Department: Music

Course Title: A Cappella Choir

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Length of Course: All Year. In case of scheduling issues, a semester course is available.

Primary Resources:

- Repertoire changes yearly, and seasonally
- www.musictheory.net
- Building Beautiful Voices – Weston Noble
- Group Vocal Technique – Frauke Hasseman

Units of Study:

- Music Theory (All Year, concurrently with other units) – Students learn the basics of musical construction, literacy, and tonal memory
- School Songs / National Anthem – September
- Holiday Concert - October - December
- Swing Out (Spring Choral Concert) – January – May
- Baccalaureate / Graduation – May - June

Curriculum-Based Assessments:

- Students will perform a concert in three of the four nine weeks during the year. In the grading period that does not have a performance, students will submit a live or recorded singing sample for assessment.
- Students will complete music theory assignments throughout the year for grading. This will comprise their final exam for the course.

Standardized Assessments:

N/A

Description of Course:

A Cappella Choir is the flagship choir of the Oil City High School Choir Program, and is designed to provide students in grades 10 – 12 singing experience in a large group atmosphere. Content emphasis will be placed on group vocal technique, advanced musicianship concepts, and the performance of the masterworks of choral literature. Students will study a wide range of music of up to eight parts that will include varying styles, genres, compositional techniques, and languages. Students will perform in a minimum of two concerts per year.