# **FCHS Chorus Syllabus**

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## **Course Description:**

Chorus will sing every day and perform multiple concerts throughout the school year. Students will participate in both during and after school performances, which are required. No experience is necessary—just a desire to sing!

# **Course Objectives:**

The purpose of this class is to enable students to develop beginning performance skills in a solo or small ensemble setting using varied literature. Emphasis will be placed on:

- Music literacy
- Sight-reading
- Ear training
- Healthy and expressive singing
- Performance techniques
- Music knowledge
- Development of critical analysis and aesthetic response to music

## **Required Materials:**

- Music folder or binder
- Pencil
- Water bottle

## **Grading Policy:**

- 60% Summative Assessments
- 40% Formative Assessments

## **Class Policies and Expectations:**

- Attendance: Regular attendance is essential for success. Absences must be communicated in advance.
- 2. **Participation:** Active participation in class and rehearsals is expected.
- 3. **Respect:** Treat classmates and instructors with respect during all activities.
- 4. **Practice:** Students are encouraged to practice outside of class to enhance their skills
- 5. **Performance Dress Code:** Specific attire will be provided for performances and must be adhered to.

#### **Course Outline:**

- Quarter 1: Introduction to Basic Singing Techniques and Music Literacy
- Quarter 2: Preparation for Christmas Concert and Semester 1 Assessments
- Quarter 3: Ensemble Work and Performance Techniques
- Quarter 4: Preparation for Spring Concert and Final Assessments

#### **Rubric for Assessments:**

| Criteria                   | Excellent (5)           | Good (4)           | Satisfactory<br>(3) | Needs<br>Improvement<br>(2) | Unsatisfactory<br>(1)     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Participation              | Always<br>engaged       | Mostly<br>engaged  | Sometimes engaged   | Rarely engaged              | Not engaged               |
| Skill<br>Development       | Demonstrates<br>mastery | Shows<br>progress  | Basic skills        | Limited skills              | No skills<br>demonstrated |
| Performance<br>Preparation | Fully prepared          | Mostly<br>prepared | Some preparation    | Very little preparation     | Not prepared              |
| Collaboration              | Excellent<br>teamwork   | Good<br>teamwork   | Some<br>teamwork    | Limited teamwork            | No teamwork demonstrated  |

This syllabus serves as a guide for students and families to understand the expectations and structure of the Chorus course. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.