

Advanced Chorus ~ Grade 6-8

Course Syllabus

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ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THIS COURSE

- Students will be assigned an individual folder to hold music, notes and study guides to eliminate sharing resources.
- Students are responsible for bringing their own PENCIL to class each day.
- Students are required to follow classroom procedures specific to a choir class in order to maintain safety.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced Chorus includes students enrolled in both Chorus 2 and Chorus 3 . In this class, students will continue to develop their singing voices, as well as deepen their musicianship and sight-reading skills, literacy and vocabulary, and performance skills. There will be required rehearsals and performances outside of school hours. concerts.

TEXTBOOK/CURRICULUM

Sight Reading Factory

Essential Repertoire for the Youth Choir

Assigned sheet music

(All curriculum remains in the classroom, and is stored in the student's musicianship folder)

ASSESSMENT

Students' grades will be determined by using the following categories and percentages:

Practice -- 30%

Performance (Mastery) -- 70%

Grading Scale: A (90-100) B (80-89) C (70-79) D (60-69) F (0-59)

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS/RULES

1. Be on time and where you are supposed to be. (Prompt)
2. Be prepared and on task. (Prepared)
3. Ask for what you need. (Positive)
4. Strive for excellence and always do your best. (Productive)
5. Respect the rights, responsibility, and property of others. (Polite)

You are responsible for reading and following the student handbook as well as classroom procedures and classroom rules. When you make a choice that violates classroom and/or school rules, disciplinary consequences will be implemented. Please refer to the following documents found on the tvcs.org website under "middle school", "Forms/Documents/Newsletters":

- VCMS Student Handbook
- 23-24 Classroom Behavior Management Plan

VCMS Bell Schedule

Homeroom/1st Period - 7:55-9:00
 2nd Period- 9:04-9:54
 3rd Period - 9:58-10:48
 4th Period - 10:52-11:42
 5th Period - 11:46-1:06
 6th Period - 1:10-2:00
 7th Period - 2:04-2:55

PROCEDURES

Daily Required Materials: 1 student folder that holds a pencil.

Google Classroom: [oig 2 kbl](#)

Bell Ringer/Dismissal: Students will complete a daily bell-ringer or sight-reading exercise to begin class. These daily assignments count as a weekly grade. If a student is absent, they should see a classmate or the teacher for the bellringer. Students are responsible for all Bellringers, even if they have been absent. Students will be dismissed by the teacher when the bell rings.

Make-up Work: Students should see Mr. Baltunis and request the day’s assignment if they have missed a class. Please see the school policy in the Student Handbook regarding absences/make-up work.

Late Work: Late work will be assessed at a maximum of 60% for one day and 0% after that.

Performance Uniform:

The students will need to order and pay for an Advanced Choir Polo shirt. An order form will be sent home with students. Students will also be responsible for having a pair of black dress pants, black belt and black, or very dark, shoes. The shirt and black pants will be worn for all choir performances and competitions.

IMPORTANT DATES:

All important dates will be posted on Google Classroom and added to the Teacher Connection page via Google Calendar options. This includes assignments, special events, and mandatory rehearsals and performances. Parents and students are responsible for referring to this calendar. Students will perform at the Veterans Day Reception, MPA, Concerts, and have an opportunity to sign up to participate in Music in The Parks Competition. Please note that MPA, and Music in the Parks often take place on a Saturday.

Each student will receive a hard copy of rehearsal and performance dates that will require both student and parent signatures acknowledging that they have seen the required dates. Please refer to the tentative dates below, and mark your calendars. A more specific outline of details will be shared in the near future.

High School Chorus Concert	Pending	TBA @ Tracy Performing Arts		Oct 24
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In-school Veteran's reception			Nov 10
Band & Chorus Dress Rehearsal		3:15 - 6:30 PM @ Tracey Performing Arts	Dec 20
Band & Chorus Fall Concert		6:30 PM. @ Tracey Performing Arts	Dec 21
Music Performance Assessment		TBA (All day)	March 1
Music in the Parks		All day @ Bush Gardens	May 4
Band & Chorus Dress Rehearsal	Pending	3:15 - 6:30 PM @ Middleton Gym	TBA
Band & Chorus Spring Concert	Pending	6:30 - 8:00 PM @ Middleton Gym	TBA

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNICATION

I am available to any student or parent requesting additional assistance or needing additional information. If you choose to email me, please remember to put "Student" in the subject line so your email will reach me through the VCS web filter. If you prefer to contact me by phone, please call the school office and leave a message requesting me to return your phone call. If I need to contact you, I will first try to contact you through email unless you have indicated a preference for phone contact on the return form.