

High School Choir Class Syllabus (Fall Semester)

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop their vocal abilities and musical understanding through ensemble singing. Students will learn proper vocal techniques, music reading, and performance skills. The choir will perform a variety of music genres, including classical, contemporary, and multicultural pieces.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will:

- Demonstrate proper vocal techniques and breathing methods.
- Read and interpret choral music notation.
- Develop aural skills and pitch accuracy.
- Collaborate effectively in an ensemble setting.
- Perform a varied repertoire with confidence and musicality.

Materials Needed

- Choir Folder (provided)
- Sheet Music (provided)
- Pencil
- Water Bottle
- Appropriate Concert Attire (details provided in class)

Grading Policy:

Classwork will equal 85% of Grade

Final Exam and Midterm is 15%

Category	Total Points	Points per Unit
Participation and Attendance	800	50 points per Week (16 Weeks)
Performances	800	200 points each (4 performances)
Written Assignments	200	10 points each
Vocal Quizzes	200	20 points each
Total Points	2,000	-

Please note that this grading breakdown is subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances such as school cancellations, adjustments to the course schedule, or other factors beyond our control. Any modifications to the grading structure will be communicated promptly, and the updated details will be provided to ensure transparency and fairness in the evaluation process.

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is crucial for the success of the ensemble. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Absences must be excused in advance, except in the case of emergencies.

Classroom Expectations

- Arrive on time and be prepared to sing.
- Show respect to the instructor and fellow choir members.
- Participate actively and positively in all activities.
- Take care of all provided materials and return them in good condition

Special Projects and Assignments

- **Research Project:** Students will research a choral piece or composer and present their findings.
- **Peer Feedback:** Students will provide constructive feedback to their peers during rehearsals.
- **Concert Review:** Students will attend and review a choral concert, focusing on performance techniques and repertoire.
- **Extracurricular Trips:** Throughout the semester, students may have opportunities to participate in extracurricular trips and events related to the choir program. These activities are designed to enhance musical experiences, broaden cultural understanding, and build camaraderie among choir members. Details and schedules for these trips and events will be provided as they are finalized. Participation in these activities is encouraged but may be subject to additional requirements and approvals. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming opportunities!

Weekly Plan for High School Choir Class

Weeks 1-2 (August 5 - August 16, 2024): Introduction and Basic Skills

- **Course Overview:** Objectives, expectations, and syllabus review
- **Vocal Techniques:** Warm-ups, foundational techniques, breathing methods, and posture
- **Music Reading:** Basics of music notation, sight-singing exercises
- **Aural Skills:** Ear training and pitch matching

Weeks 3-8 (August 19 - October 4, 2024): Repertoire and Performance Preparation

- **Repertoire Introduction:** Introduction to semester repertoire, sectionals, and part assignments
- **Rehearsals:** Read-throughs, interpretation, and development of selected pieces
- **Intermediate Skills:** Advanced breathing techniques, emotional expression, and personal/group performances
- **October 5th Concert Preparation:** Focused rehearsals and mock performances
- **October 5th Concert Performance (Saturday, October 5, 2024)**

Fall Break!! (October 7th-11th)

Weeks 9-11 (October 14 - November 1, 2024): Continued Rehearsals and November Performance Preparation

Weeks 12 (November 4 - November 8, 2024): Final Rehearsals and November Performance

- **Focused Rehearsals:** Final preparations and adjustments for the November 12th concert
- **November 12th Concert Performance (Tuesday, November 12, 2024)**

Weeks 13-16 (November 13 - December 13, 2024): December Performances and Final Preparations

- Christmas Music
- **December 1st Concert:** Final preparations and performance (Sunday, December 1, 2024)
- **December 2nd Concert:** Performance with skit (Monday, December 2, 2024)
- **Final Rehearsals:** Full run-throughs and adjustments
- **Review and Reflection:** Semester review, student feedback, and celebration of achievements

Weeks 17 (December 16 - December 20, 2024): Wrap-Up

- **Final Review:** Comprehensive review and reflection

I am really looking forward to making some awesome music with you!