

John L. LeFlore High School
Chorus Syllabus
Mrs. Angelica Dillon, Director
2023-2024

Overall Course Description

The Chorus program at John L. LeFlore High School is designed to teach students to read music and follow choral scores. Students will be introduced to a variety of music styles. Students will also develop proper vocal tone productions, singing and standing posture, breath support, enunciation, and basic music reading skills with specific attention to rhythm patterns, melodic intervals, and expressive markings. As well as singing, students are graded daily on their participation. Public performances are planned and scheduled where students are allowed to display the knowledge learned and their developed abilities.

Course Objective

Students will demonstrate proper skills in vocal tone production and vocal performance, develop music reading skills, and understand various music techniques and terminology.

Grading Procedure and Test Evaluation

Students are graded daily on their attitude and participation in class. On Orange/A Day, students work on vocal techniques and music literature. On Green/B Day, students will be required to have a chorus notebook in class for music theory. Students are taught basic knowledge of music and are given worksheets to practice materials discussed and learned.

Fees

There is a fee for chorus class. The fee is \$25 and covers classroom materials, new music, etc. All students are required to pay the chorus fee. **Chorus fees are non-refundable.** If a student is dismissed from the program for any reason, i.e. suspension, behavior grades, transfer, any fees will not be returned. None of the fee money can be spent on other classes and all purchases must be approved through Dr. Williams. Students who audition and are placed in the ***Advanced Chorus*** will have a ***choral uniform fee of an additional \$25***, The formal choral uniform is required for performances, assessments, auditions, contest and festivals. There will be a packet given to advanced chorus students with important information and tentative dates.

Public Performances

At the end of 1st Semester, students present a Christmas Showcase to school and community in collaboration with all performing arts students. This is a **MANDATORY** performance with required student participation.

In addition, the Mobile County Honor Choir Festival falls in the month of January. Students have the opportunity to audition for this event in December, which allows them to rehearse for two days with other Honor Choir participants from around the district, and then present a public evening concert. Solo and Ensemble competition also happens in the spring. Solo & Ensemble is an event where students and other musicians get together and perform either in ensembles, or as a soloist, sometimes with a piano accompanist. This event is, in some ways, similar to an audition,

and in some ways is similar to a concert. Participants sing in a room in front of a judge and are given a rating based on their individual performance.

Public Performance 2nd Semester

2nd Semester, students present a few mandatory concerts to school and community in February for Black History Month and the Spring Showcase. They are **MANDATORY** performances with required student participation. Students in Advanced Chorus will also have two mandatory performances in addition to the school concert. The two additional mandatory performances will be for the graduating class' baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies.

***Grading Procedure:** 60% tests, notebook grades, and public concerts, 40% minor grades
Participation, classwork assignments and bell work.

*Tardy log will be kept daily. Punishment for excessive tardiness will be handled according to school policy.

*Make-up work will be provided only for students who have excused absences. All makeup assignments are **due on Wednesday of each week.**

I look forward to our school year together. If you have any needs, please feel free to contact me by phone at 251-221-3125 or email adillon@mcpss.com.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Angelica Dillon