

East Knox High School

Concert Choir Syllabus

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1. Course Description

Concert Choir

Length – semester

Choir is open to any students in grades 8 through 12 and requires NO audition. Choir will train students' individual solo voice and ensemble voice through musical repertoire. Students will also be taught basic singing techniques in a variety of styles, music notation, dynamics, intonation, and balance. The choir will learn, memorize, and perform several songs throughout the semester. Students who would like to participate in choir are required to participate in daily singing activities with a positive attitude. Students will be required to participate in a concert held at the end of the semester.

Grades: 8-12

Prerequisites: None

Credit: .50

2. Choir Goals

Students will define vocabulary in all rehearsed and performed music.

Students will identify musical terms and symbols for articulation and expression.

Students will recognize and describe the elements of music.

Students will identify musical forms used in vocal genres from various historical periods.

Students will perform a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres and cultures alone and in ensembles.

Students will prepare and accurately perform a varied repertoire of ensemble music.

Students will demonstrate sight-reading abilities at a beginning level of complexity at least to the level found in the literature chosen for performance.

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Students will demonstrate technical accuracy, appropriate tone quality, articulation, intonation and expression for the works being performed with good posture and breath control.

Students will respond appropriately to the cues of the conductor.

Students will respond to aesthetic qualities of a performance using music terminology.

Students will evaluate the use of the elements of music as relative to expression in a varied repertoire of music.

3. Classroom Expectations

1. No food or pop is permitted in the band room.
2. Be respectful to everyone and everything.
3. Stay on task.
4. Have your folder, music, and pencil at the beginning of every rehearsal.
- 5. EVERYONE MUST STAND DURING PRACTICE** unless you have proper medical documentation

4. Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Points taken away
3. Trip to the office
4. Detention
5. Phone call home

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5. Required Supplies

Everyday, students are required to have the following supplies:

Music

Folder

Pencil

A Good Attitude

6. Grading

Choir is a performing arts class. Every student is expected to participate in daily class singing activities and warm ups. Since this is the first year of choir, Mrs. Jancura is not expecting perfection, but for everyone to try their best.

Students will receive the following points:

10 points daily - Participating with a good attitude and ready at the beginning of rehearsal

- Unexcused absences will result in participation points for that day

20 points - Non singing assignments

50 points - Assessments

100 points - Concert

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7. Electronic Devices

Electronic devices (phones, iPods, smart watches, etc) are not permitted according to the student handbook. If it is seen, it will be taken to the office. Devices should stay in either pockets or in book bags.

8. Concerts

The choir will be singing at two school events. We will be singing for the Veterans Day Ceremony and for the Winter Concert. Dates and times will be given closer to the events.

The dress code for all students is a white dress shirt, black pants, black shoes, and black socks. Points will be taken for incorrect attire.

Choir Syllabus Acknowledgment

Please sign and return to Mrs. Jancura by the 2nd Friday of the Quarter. (100 points)

I have read the syllabus for choir and I understand what is expected of my child.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

I have read the syllabus for choir and I understand what is expected from me in Mrs. Jancura's class.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____