



KMHS CHORUS DEPARTMENT

Advanced Mixed & Advanced Treble Chorus Class Syllabus

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Course Description

This course is designed to continue the development of proper vocal and choral techniques. Students will continue to develop music sight reading skills, the understanding of standard music symbols and terminology, and singing with expression and technical accuracy. Students will also learn teamwork and self-discipline through musical performance.

Class Materials

Pencils

Grading Policies

Demonstrating choral skills through daily rehearsals (40% of Grade)

Active and full involvement in the rehearsal process is expected daily. You must be prepared for class, be on time, have the necessary materials (music, pencil, portfolio, etc.), and participate in all activities. It is an important part of being an ensemble member to always listen and sit attentively even when your section is not being rehearsed. You are expected to practice your music at home. There is never a reason to do any other schoolwork or reading while in rehearsal. If you are physically unable to sing, you are expected to have your music open, listen, and participate when possible.

Demonstrating choral skills through performance (30% of Grade)

Performance is the culmination of weeks/months of learning and hard work. Because concerts are the final step in this educational process, it is essential that students fully participate in all rehearsals and performances. Students must understand and assume the full responsibility of these requirements. Chorus is a team effort and an absence of any one person affects the entire group's performance. If a student misses a concert, they have missed an educational experience that cannot be made up.

Excused absences are generally given for personal illness with a doctor's note. An excused absence means the student will be allowed to make up the grade through a vocal skills evaluation (performing their part of the concert music for the teacher). Jobs, babysitting, or other events are not excused absences. If another school related event conflicts with a choral event, priority will be given to the one scheduled first.

Although this policy may seem demanding, it is not intended to penalize but rather to support a standard for an organization that seeks to be of the highest possible caliber. Those who hold excellence as a goal for this organization will understand and value these standards.

Demonstrating choral skills through written and oral exams (20% of Grade)

Student performance is periodically evaluated through both live performance tests or written assignments/quizzes. These assignments measure student progress toward the attainment of specific musical goals related to the literature being performed or fundamental elements such as scales, music theory, music history and other musical concepts.

Demonstrating choral skills through a cumulative final exam (10% of Grade)

At the conclusion of every term, students must take a written final exam. This exam will be cumulative.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Class will begin when the bell rings. Students are expected to be in their seats with their folder, music and a pencil. Do not bring anything else to the risers, including cell phones. Everything else needs to be left on the floor against the wall.
2. All students should positively contribute to the rehearsal with their best effort.
3. Only water is allowed in the chorus room. Singers must drink plenty of water to hydrate their vocal cords and to stay healthy.
4. Throw away any food, drinks, and/or gum before entering the Fine Arts Building.
5. Students are responsible for all their assigned music. This music is only loaned to you for the duration of the concert period, and you will be held financially responsible for it if it is lost or damaged.
6. Music shall be marked with pencil only.
7. The grand piano and all practice rooms are off limits, unless given permission by the director.
8. Please pick up after yourself and put your folder away after rehearsal. It is everyone's responsibility to care for our facility.
9. All chorus members should respect each other and the director.

Uniforms:

Singers in all choirs wear uniforms. Uniforms should be clean and neatly pressed for each performance. Uniforms will be worn at all concerts unless otherwise announced. Inappropriate dress will result in deduction of grade or removal from performance. Uniforms are inspected by members of the Leadership Team at all chorus events that require concert attire.

- Men: You will be able to rent a black tuxedo from the school for \$20.00/semester. This rental fee does not include a black button-down tux shirt, black socks and black shoes.
- Women: You are required to purchase a dress for \$85.00, which is yours to keep. Each girl is responsible for having her dress hemmed to hang one inch above the floor and have black dress shoes.

Enrichment Fees: \$30.00 per semester

This fee helps with the cost of music, guest speaker/conductors, accompanist, special events, technology needs, and meals before our concerts. We are asking each student to contribute \$30.00 per semester. **Fees can be paid by cash, check, PayPal or VENMO @kmhschorus**

Mandatory Rehearsals and Performances

All concerts are mandatory and so are the *rehearsals after school on concert days*.

March 12th or 13th (TBA)- Large Group Performance Evaluation

March 16th – Mandatory after school rehearsal for Spring Concert 3:30- 5:00

March 18th- Spring Concert (Rehearsal/dinner 3:30-6:30, Concert 7:00)

April 22nd- Mandatory Dress Rehearsal with Orchestra 3:30- TBA

April 23rd- Chorus/Orchestra Masterwork Concert (Call time: TBA, Concert 7:00)

Syllabus Sign-Off Form

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read the syllabus and understand the commitment that is needed for a successful semester. Please ensure that you have looked at the required concert and rehearsal dates. Your signature below represents your commitment to attending each of these dates.

This form must be signed and returned by August 15th. The chorus semester fee of \$30 will also be due on Friday, August 15th.

I look forward to a wonderful year of great learning and great music!!

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____