

## High School Choir Syllabus

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In this class we will explore and prepare songs from different genres of choral music. I will lead you through exercises and techniques to strengthen your skills and create beautiful finished pieces. Our term will end in a concert with the other music ensembles in the high school and middle school. This performance is mandatory.

### Content and Goals:

- Strengthen sight reading
- Strengthen ear for pitch and blend
- Sing appropriately for the genre of the song
- Have fun

### Requirements:

- Be respectful of others at all times
- Work your hardest to learn your part accurately
- Memorize all pieces
- Perform at the end-of-term concert

### Grading:

- 50% - Performance at concert\*
  - This is essentially your final exam. If you don't show up, I can't pass you.
- 35% - Class participation
  - Includes:
    - Respect to all students, teacher and music
    - Good attitude
    - Punctuality (showing up to class on time)
- 15% - Quizzes
  - Throughout the term I will do some quick, group singing quizzes to make sure you are learning your part. This also gives me feedback on which sections need more assistance

\*If you are unable to attend the concert because of some **major** reason, I need to be informed at least a week in advance, if possible. I will help you come up with an alternate project to make up for the performance.