

Blackhawk School District

CURRICULUM

Course Title:	Chorus
Grade Level(s):	Grades 9-12
Periods Per Week:	Daily
Length of Class:	40 minutes
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT MISSION:

Blackhawk School District will support development of all students' musical awareness, enjoyment, confidence and expression through educational and enrichment opportunities. We are dedicated to providing an excellent music education through a sequential program of study, performing ensembles and concerts that foster excellent musicianship and a lifelong appreciation for music.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

NINTH GRADE CHORUS

This chorus is especially designed for the voice of ninth grade students. It involves sight-reading, tone production, voice placement, and other fundamental singing techniques. Students prepare a variety of music to perform in three concerts per year, one in December, one in March and one in May. Occasionally, students may perform in other concerts for special events. Learning focuses on vocal technique, including posture, breath control and embouchure and musicianship skills, including music reading, interpreting conducting gestures and expression. Each student is provided with concert music, instructional materials and folders. Concert attendance is required and represents 50% of the students' grade for the nine week period. Concert attire is black and white.

CONCERT CHOIR

Concert Choir is open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade boys; 10th, 11th and 12th grade girls. The class objectives include good ensemble singing, improving vocal technique, and high level performance of quality literature. Class activities include warm-up exercises and rehearsing challenging choral selections for mixed ensembles. Students are required to attend the three concerts scheduled during the school year. Concert attire includes a provided black dress for females or a vest, shirt, pants, and bowtie for males.

GIRL'S CHOIR

This course is designed for training the female voice for further choral experience and is open to girls in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The class objectives include good ensemble singing, improving vocal technique, and performance of SA, SSA, and SSAA choral literature. Students are required to attend the three concerts scheduled during the school year. Concert attire includes a provided black dress.

The following outline provides a general overview of the course content, not a chronological timetable. The weeks denoted for each area provide an idea for the overall time spent working with a given topic throughout the school year.

OBJECTIVES (PA standard)	RESOURCES
<p>9.1 A Rhythm Perform rhythmic patterns in song literature accurately</p> <p>9.1 A Pitch Perform melodic and harmonic patterns in song literature accurately</p> <p>9.1 A Timbre Identify the different tone qualities of voice (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)</p> <p>9.1 A & B Composition and Improvisation Improvise using Solfege during vocal warm-ups</p> <p>9.1 Form Identify and demonstrate the form within choral literature</p> <p>9.2 A.-G, J-K and 9.1.A, D, F Historical and Cultural Context Sing music representing diverse genres, cultures, and historical periods</p> <p>9.1 Notation recognize rhythmic and melodic patterns in the treble/bass clef in song literature</p> <p>9.1G Rehearsal, Performance, Practice Etiquette Understand and apply the function and expectations of rehearsals and performances</p> <p>9.1 C Vocabulary Understand and apply music terminology found within literature</p> <p>9.1.H Safety and Equipment Demonstrate proper use and care of classroom instruments and materials</p>	<p>Warm-up resources Various literature in 3 and 4 part, accompanied and unaccompanied Sightsinging resources</p>

9.1 J.&K Technology

Incorporate technology as appropriate to the curriculum

9.3 A., B, & E., 9.1.F Critical Response

Respond critically to composer and music as appropriate(compare, contrast, evaluate, analyze, and interpret)

9.4 B & C Aesthetic Response

Describe the intrinsic effects that literature has on one's own performance individually and within an ensemble