

Perth Amboy High School
Concert Choir
Grades 9-12

Course Syllabus

Course Description

As a Performing Arts elective, Concert Choir is designed to enhance the musical, creative and expressive qualities of all students grade 9-12. Musical opportunities are provided for every student to learn and apply the fundamentals of singing, reading music, developing song repertoire, broadening listening skills to experience the interrelated nature of music with other cultures and content areas. In essence, developing a sense of sincere appreciation for choral music.

Course Materials

All materials will be provided by the instructor. These will include:

- *Black Music Folder* (Store all appropriate music scores/Handouts)
- *Pencil* (The only appropriate writing utensil)

Music will be distributed periodically throughout the year. **ALL SCORES MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION** and returned after each performance. Any music or other materials not returned before the end of the school year or damaged **MUST** be replaced at the student's expense.

Course Requirements

1. **Attend Rehearsal:** Concert Choir is a performing arts elective, meaning that **ALL** activities, both in school and after school are **MANDATORY** for a grade
2. **Arrive on time:** In accordance with school policy, a late occurs after the bell. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late without a pass will be marked for a cut.
3. **Be positive:** Contribute with a positive attitude and good behavior. You know what to do.
4. **Be Prepared:** Arrive to rehearsal with your music and a pencil. No one likes that person that brings nothing to the party!
5. **Participate fully:** Students are expected to be actively engaged and give their best effort every day.
6. **Complete all assignments:** All assignments are weighted according to their difficulty and importance, but they all count towards your final grade.

Google Classroom & Remind

Any form of communication on assignments and upcoming events to students will be in the form of Google classroom updates and the use of the Remind App. Codes will be given on student's first day of class.

Grading Policy (My Favorite Part!)

QUIZZES & TESTS (60%)- Quizzes and Tests are in the form of a few elements that include but not limited to FlipGrid assignments, Vocal Testing (singing alone/small groups/big group), Written Performance Critiques and Concerts. Furthermore, mandatory tech rehearsals are counted as Quizzes; while the Winter/Spring and any district performances will count as Tests (Midterm/Finals).

***** Rehearsal/Performance Absence Request:** must be submitted before the absence in question through email. The instructor reserves the right to deem an absence unexcused or require a make-up assignment. If absence is unexcused or a make-up assignment is not completed, the students' grade will be lowered and participation in upcoming performance(s) may be jeopardized.

PARTICIPATION (35%) – Because this is a performance-based class, participation is the most important element to the final grade. Great participation implies that a student demonstrates a positive attitude, a willingness to follow instruction and assist others, and be a responsible member of the ensemble.

HOMEWORK (5%)- Simply put, the Instructor will, from time to time, assign outside work such as writing critiques, online exercises, etc. Each assignment will be weighted according to the difficulty and importance.

Important Dates

A calendar of events will be distributed to each student. A signature page will be attached which must be signed by both student and a parent/guardian verifying they are aware of all the dates on the calendar. Dates can also be found on the instructor's website, Pahsvocal.com

Concert Attire

Soprano/Alto- Each member of the group will be assigned a black concert dress with red sash. They are required to wear black panty hose and closed-toed shoes (preferably flats) for all performances. Hair should be pulled away from the face. Please, no perfume.

* *Advanced Choir:* Will be given pearls in addition to the required attire

**Freshman Choir:* Soprano/Alto will wear all black (black blouse/Button Down over black dress pants, black shoes) Please no high heeled shoes. *

Tenor/Baritone/Bass- Each member of the group will be assigned a black vest and tie. They are required to have a long white dress shirt, black dress pants and black dress shoes (Black sneakers are not considered dress shoes). Black socks. Hair should be brushed/combed away from the face. Please, no cologne.

* *Advanced Choir:* Will be given a red bow tie in addition to the required attire

* *Freshman Choir:* Tenor/Baritone/Bass will wear a white dress shirt over black dress pants and shoes with a tie or bowtie. *

If there are any financial issues that do not allow a student to meet the concert attire requirements, please notify the instructor in advance and assistance will be given.

2022-2023 Performance Calendar

-Can also be found on our website: PAHSvocal.com

September

- 14th: Show & Gospel Choir Auditions @ 3:15 PM
- 16th: Tri-M Music Honor Society 1st Meeting @ 3:15 PM

October

- Homecoming/Senior Night National Anthem TBA (*Show Choir Only*)
 - Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly TBA
- 28th: MSU Choral Festival 9:00AM- 3:00PM (*Concert Choir*)

November

- 11th: Veterans Day Assembly (* Show Choir Only*)
- 18th: Tri M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ 4:00 PM
- 22nd: Mandatory Combined Concert Choir Rehearsal @ 3:15- 5:00 PM
- 29th: Mandatory Combined Concert Choir rehearsal @ 3:15-5:00 PM
 - Region Choir Auditions TBA

December

- 6th: Concert Tech 1 3:30- 6:30 PM (*Tutti*)
- 7th: Concert Tech 2 3:30- 6:30 PM (*Tutti*)
- 8th: Concert Tech 3 3:30- 5:30 PM (*Tutti*)
- 9th: PAHS Winter Music Concert @ 6:00 PM (*Tutti*)
- Perth Amboy Christmas Parade (* Show & Gospel Choir) TBA
 - 22nd: PAHS In school Caroling (*Tutti*)

January

- MLK Day Performance (*Gospel Choir*) TBA

February

- 24th: Black History Month Assembly (*Gospel Choir*)
- Perth Amboy District Music Tour (*Show & Gospel Choir*) TBA

March

- 24th: "Bring a Friend to Choir" Day (*Tutti*)
- Guest Conductor In-School Workshop (*Concert Choir*) TBA
- Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival (Show & Gospel Choir) TBA

April

- 25th: Mandatory Combined Concert Choir Rehearsal @ 3:15- 5:00 PM
 - MSU Open Dress Rehearsal Concert Trip (*Tutti*) TBA

May

- 2nd: Mandatory Combined Concert Choir Rehearsal @ 3:15- 5:00 PM
 - 9th: Concert Tech 1 3:30-6:30PM (*Tutti*)
 - 10th: Concert Tech 2 3:30- 5:30PM (*Tutti*)
- 12th: PAHS Spring Vocal Music Concert @ 6:00 PM (*Tutti*)
 - 17th: Mandatory Competition Rehearsal 3:30- 6:30 PM
 - 19th-21st: Music in the Parks Competition (*Tutti*) TBA
 - 30th: Recital Tech 1 3:15-5:00 PM (*Voice Studio*)
 - 31st: Recital Tech 2 3:15-5:00 PM (*Voice Studio*)

June

- 2nd: Voice Studio Recital @ 6:00 PM/ End of the Year Choir & Tri M Dinner @ 7:30 PM
 - NJ State Teen Arts Festival Invitational ("Show & Gospel Choir") TBA
 - Senior Awards Night (*Show & Gospel Choir*) TBA
 - Seal of Bi-Literacy Ceremony (*Show & Gospel Choir*) TBA
 - PAHS Graduation (*Tutti*) TBA

Please return the following page to Mr. Pando

Contract 2022-2023

I, _____, have read the course syllabus and fully aware of the responsibilities set forth in the class.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____