



Pickens Junior High School
Chorus Syllabus
2022-2023 School Year

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Chorus Course Description:

The purpose of middle school chorus is to teach students music through vocal performance by learning the basic fundamentals of singing and music literacy. Each student is encouraged to gain a lifelong interest in singing and an appreciation of music as an art form. Singing in chorus also helps improve mental discipline and enhance social interaction. Teamwork and pride of group and self are developed through participation in chorus.

Materials for Class:

Pencil with eraser
Water (if desired)

Teaching Philosophy:

It is my hope that my classroom at Pickens Junior High School feels like home to any student who walks through my door. I strive every day to provide a safe environment for students to take risks musically and ultimately become more confident and well-rounded young adults.

STAY IN THE LOOP/ CONTACT INFORMATION

1. **EMAIL:** laurentolar@pickenscountyschools.org
 - a. This is my most reliable means of contact.
2. **WEBSITE:** www.pjhschorus.com
3. **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/pjhschorus
 - a. Events, concerts, rehearsal updates
 - b. Extra performance announcements
 - c. Spring Musical rehearsals and updates
4. **REMIND 101:**
 - a. Text **@pjhschorus** to **81010**
 - b. Text reminders for concerts and other performances
 - c. All chorus member parents need to join

Concert/Rehearsal Attendance:

As part of the National and State Standards, students are expected to perform alone, in a small group, and in a large-group setting. Concert/rehearsal attendance will be expected of all students excluding emergencies.

If an unavoidable event is preventing the student from attending, a **written note or email is required two days before the event**. Excuses will be judged accordingly by the director (family death and illness will be excused).

If an emergency occurs preventing a student from attending, parents must provide written documentation (email, note, etc.) to the teacher within **three days following the event**.

Students **MUST** make up the missed concert by completing an assignment of the teacher's choosing. A zero will be placed in the gradebook until the make-up assignment is completed. Students will always be given a week from the date the assignment is given to complete and turn it back in to Mrs. Tolar.

*****Failure to complete assignment given will result in a permanent zero*****

Concert attendance is always a large grade in the grade book.

Uniforms:

Students are required by GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) to have a formal uniform in order to participate in activities such as All-State, LGPE, and Honor Chorus.

Black PJHS Chorus Polo - \$30.00

Black pants (**JEANS AND LEGGINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PANTS**)

Black, closed-toe shoes (Flip-Flops, open sandals, and backless shoes are not appropriate footwear)

*Students are required to buy a PJHS Chorus polo shirt. The only exception to this is if students are also in band. If that is the case, students may choose to buy only the band polo or only the chorus polo.

Field Trip Attendance:

Throughout the year, the chorus travels to events off campus. All students will adhere to the School Discipline Policy at all times while away from campus.

Parents interested in chaperoning field trips **MUST** complete a background check with the Jasper Police Department, **costing \$55.00**.

Consequences:

1st offense – Verbal warning

2nd offense – Verbal warning

3rd offense – Pulled out of rehearsal and given alternate assignment

4th offense – Referral (if behavior continues, a meeting will take place to discuss further action)

ASSESSMENT WEIGHTS:

Formative – 80%

Preparedness for class & participation

Daily work, Listening journals, Sight-reading drills, Pass-offs

Summative – 20%

Concerts, Concert reflections, Solo/ group performances

Parent / Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the chorus syllabus and agree that my student will be able to be successful following these rules and regulations.

I acknowledge that I have received a schedule of events for the 2022-2023 school year.

I also understand that **concerts/rehearsals are graded events** and that my student's participation is required and needed.

You may return this form, or cut off the bottom and return.

STUDENT Name: _____

GUARDIAN Signature: _____

As a way to stay connected with you please JOIN THE REMIND 101 APP:

TEXT @pjhschorus to 81010

Please circle and fill out the most reliable way to contact you:

CELL PHONE

WORK PHONE

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