

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.

Grading Policy (*My Favorite Part!*)

PARTICIPATION (60%) – 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.

QUIZZES & TESTS (35%)- 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 Techniques and Concerts. Furthermore, mandatory tech rehearsals are counted as Quizzes; while the Winter/Spring and any district performances will count as Tests.

***** 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.

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 and/or the student's google classroom page.

Concert Attire

Ladies- Each female member of the group will be assigned a black gown. Ladies 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.

**Freshman Choir:* Ladies will wear all black (black blouse over black dress pants, black shoes) Please no high heeled shoes. *

Gentlemen- Each male member of the group will be assigned a black vest and tie. Gentlemen are required to have a 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.

**Freshman Choir:* Gentlemen will wear a white dress shirt of 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.