

ART SINGERS CHORUS 4

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(One Year)

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide the experienced seventh and eighth grade middle school choral student an opportunity for more in-depth development as a vocal ensemble member. Students will be required to improve on previously acquired stage presence and performance poise. Previous experience in sight reading and knowledge of music rudiments will be expected. This ensemble will be introduced to a wider range of vocal music styles as well as vocal ensemble choreography. The primary musical emphasis will be on selections from Jazz.

Course Prerequisites:

- *Must be a member of Bel Canto
- *Must pass audition with the approval of choral director

Required Materials/Equipment:

- *Two Sharpened Pencils
- *School-Issued Laptop
- *Headphones or Earbuds
- *Composition Notebook
- *Choral Folder (provided/remains in classroom)

Student Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on active rehearsal skills in class that includes a willing and cooperative attitude, a commitment to growth in the choral art, consistently good posture and effort, and the ability to perform required "Art Singers" literature in a small ensemble.

Uniform Requirements:

Refer to page 10 in the Vocal Music Department Handbook

Booster Organization:

See Chorus 3/Bel Canto Syllabus for more information

Time Commitments Outside of School:

- Attend all performances and after school rehearsals, which will (in most cases) be scheduled with ample notice
- Attend ALL vocal concerts, including in-school and out-of-school performances
- Participate in JU Jazz Festival, District IV Choral Music Performance Assessments (MPAs) AND District IV Solo/Ensemble Festival. The dates for these events are on page 12 in the Handbook

Financial Obligation For Outside of School Opportunities:

Vocal Fee of \$30.00 over and above the Bel Canto education donation of \$220
(*\$25 discount for Bel Canto if paid by October 31st, bringing the total to \$195+ \$30 = \$225 or \$250 if after Oct 31*) Purchase of shoes, as outlined on page 10 in the Vocal Music Handbook

Academic Grade Point Requirement:

Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 to be eligible to perform. Those Bel Canto and Art Singers members whose grades fall below the required overall average of 2.0 will become grade ineligible and may be removed and placed in a beginning or intermediate chorus. All vocal music students are still required to attend all LaVilla vocal music choral concerts.