

**Course Description:**

This course provides the advanced middle school choral singer an opportunity to improve skills in choral singing and sight singing/ear training *and* demonstrate choral performance excellence. Singers will acquire vocal production skills that will ensure proper vocal health. Singers are expected to demonstrate appropriate performance and audience etiquette. Students will also expand their knowledge of the language and elements of music and while fostering a deeper appreciation and love of music.

**Course Prerequisites:**

Audition and Director Approval

**Required Materials/Equipment:**

\*Two Sharpened Pencils

\*Composition Notebook

\*School-Issued Laptop

\*Choral Folder (provided/remains in classroom)

\*Headphones or Earbuds

**Student Evaluation:**

Grades are based on displaying active rehearsal skills that include a willing and cooperative attitude, a commitment to growth in the choral art, consistently good posture and effort, as well as activities such as board drills, singing, sight singing, and listening exercises. Grades also include rehearsals, homework, composition notebook assignments, performances & assessments, written and aural.

Chamber Singers Students are required to be *very self motivated* in completing their music theory assignments since this is a performance-oriented chorus. Strict rehearsal discipline will be maintained.

**Uniform Requirements:**

Refer to page 10 in the Vocal Music Department Handbook

**Booster Organization:**

Vocal department meetings occur each month at 6:30 p.m. in the LaVilla vocal suite & via Facebook Live @LaVillaFoundation as scheduled on page 12 of the Vocal Music Handbook.

**Time Commitments Outside of School:**

- Attend after school rehearsals that will (in most cases) be scheduled with ample notice
- Attend all vocal concerts, including in-school and out-of-school performances
- Participate in District IV Choral Music Performance Assessments (MPAs). The dates for this event are on page 12 in the Handbook.
- Complete weekly, computerized theory assignments through [lavillavocal.musicfirstclassroom.com](http://lavillavocal.musicfirstclassroom.com)
- Students are encouraged to audition for all honor choirs (ACDA, JaxSings, All State, All County)
- Possible Spring Trip (International Tour to France)

**Financial Obligation for Outside of School Opportunities:**

Vocal Fees of \$220.00 (*\$25 discount for Chamber Singers if paid by October 31<sup>st</sup>*)

Purchase of shoes, as outlined on page 10 in the Handbook.

**Academic Grade Point Requirement:**

*Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 to be eligible to perform. Those Chamber 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 concerts and complete other make-up work as assigned.*