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(One Year)

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide the beginning and intermediate sixth, seventh, and eighth grade middle school choral student an opportunity to develop skills in choral singing and sight singing/ear training. Preferred performance method, style, and etiquette will be introduced. Students will gain knowledge of the basic language and elements of music.

Course Prerequisites:

Open enrollment for beginning and intermediate treble voices

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, performances & assessments, both written and aural.

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. via FaceBook Live @ LaVillaFoundation as scheduled on page 12 of the Vocal Music Handbook. This year we will be hosting the meeting from the vocal suite to allow for face-to-face conversation after the live stream.

Time Commitments Outside of School:

- 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

Financial Obligation For Outside of School Opportunities:

Vocal Fees of \$220 (*\$25 discount if paid by Oct. 31st*)
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. Students whose overall average falls below the required GPA, and become grade ineligible to perform, are still obligated to attend required LaVilla vocal music concerts and complete other make-up work as assigned.