

# High School Choir Syllabus

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# BHS

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1. Students should take pride in their work in individual singing and as a member of an ensemble. The following characteristics are expected in the choral classroom: Respect, Listen, Focus, Teamwork, and Self Control. School rules apply to this class; see student handbook.
2. Each student is responsible to take care of music. When a folder and music are designated to a student, it is the responsibility of that student to maintain and return the music in good condition. Having a pencil in the folder is also expected.
3. No food, drink or gum allowed during rehearsal without prior approval. Water is allowed. Please keep all rehearsal areas neat and clean.
4. The required concert attire is: black pants, black socks and black shoes for guys and black shoes for girls. We wear robes and stoles, so anything that is seen below the robe is black. No jeans, or flip flops. Please take care of your robe, including hanging it up after a concert.
5. The success of the choir depends on you, the individual becoming a working member of the choir team. We need to make it a priority to strive to improve our skills.
6. Grading will be determined using the following: (This is a performance class. **Participation in concerts is mandatory.** If a student is absent from a performance, the student must bring in a note from home explaining reason for absence. An unexcused absence from a concert will significantly lower the quarter/semester grade. Excused absences are illness which does not allow student to attend classes that day, or emergency. An alternate assignment will be given to make up points towards grade. Student still must bring in a note from home explaining the absence.)

Grading: Concert Participation 30%  
Lesson Participation 30%  
Quizzes (written or performance) 10%  
Written Reflections 10%  
Daily Participation 20%

Quarter 1 Concert: National Anthem at Homecoming Game (Oct. 1, 6:00 PM report time)

Quarter 2 Concert: Veteran's Day & December Concert (Nov. 11 @ 9:30 AM & Dec. 13 @ 7 PM-6:15 report time)

Quarter 3 Concert: Senior Citizen Mini Concert (TBD, during school day) & Solo & Ensemble (March 5 @ MISD)

Quarter 4 Concert: Spring Concert & Graduation (May 6 @7 PM- 6:15 report time & May 27 @7:30 PM- 6:45 PM report time)

Year-At-A-Glance Each quarter will have multiple musical selections for rehearsal, not all of which will be presented in a performance. Performance pieces will be selected as each quarter progresses.

Quarter 1 Goals: National Anthem performance  
Learning to read music, sight singing  
Learning to sing in a multiple part ensemble  
Veteran's Day preparation  
December Concert preparation  
Lessons-5

Quarter 2 Goals: Veteran's Day performance

December Concert preparation and performance

Solo & Ensemble selection of songs; begin rehearsal of selections; Independent learning (solo & ensemble preparation)

Winter warmth performance (possible during school day or quarter 3)

Lessons-5

Quarter 3 Goals: Solo & Ensemble performance (festival performance OR independent performance during a school day the week following festival.) Independent learning for Solo & Ensemble.

Understanding evaluation of singing (WSMA guidelines)

Concert preparation

Improving singing in a large group;

Improving sight singing, reading music

Lessons-5

Quarter 4 Goals: Concert performance

Graduation performance

Listening and evaluating choral music

Lessons-5