

Lenape Middle School Choir Syllabus

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Course Overview

Choir class is designed for students who enjoy singing and/or would like to explore their interest in music through singing and other activities. Several public performances are scheduled throughout the year, including winter and spring concerts.

Course Objectives

Students will continue to develop musical literacy through daily solfege singing, sightreading exercises, music software, and concert music preparation

Students will have a working musical vocabulary including terms related to rhythm, notation, dynamics, tempo, style, and vocal anatomy

Students will exemplify proper choral technique with regards to posture and vocal production

Students will perform a wide variety of musical styles in a historically and stylistically correct manner

Students will build confidence and a sense of accomplishment both individually and collectively through public performances

Students will develop good rehearsal habits by being responsible for their own music, pencil, and choir uniform, as well as being *on time and prepared* for all after school rehearsals and performances.

Students will have the opportunity to audition for various advanced groups, such as Chamber Choir, Women's Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Acabellas, Barbershop Quartets, BCMEA, and more

Required Performance Uniform

Choir students wear a particular outfit in order to give the choir a more uniform and professional look and feel, to minimize distractions caused by clothing choices, and to help make the concert performance feel special. The concert attire described is **expected and required**. If you have concerns about meeting these requirements, please contact Mrs. Rogers ASAP so that we can work something out.

• 7/8/9 Grade Choir

- Boys: Black button down shirt, a long tie (any color), black dress pants, black socks, black shoes.
- Girls: Black button down shirt or blouse, black dress pants or a black skirt that is knee-length or longer, black dress shoes. Black dresses are also acceptable – length of dress must be below the knees.

• Select Choir

Select Choirs will wear the outfit described below in place of the 7/8/9 choir outfit

- Boys: Black button down shirt and red neck tie will be provided to you. I have a supply of black pants that will outfit most boys in select choir.
- Girls: A red blouse and black skirt will be provided to you.

Materials

Pencil

All other materials will be provided and kept in the classroom

Performance Schedule – All performances are **MANDATORY** and **GRADED**. Additional performances are possible and will be communicated well in advance as soon as the dates and details are known.

Winter Concert (ALL)	December 3, 2019	Performance at 7PM; Performers arrive @ 6:30 PM
9 th Grade Choir Exchange (9 th grade choir)	December 17, 2018	3-5:30 PM in the CB West Choir Room
Spring Concert (ALL)	May 20, 2020	Performance at 7 PM; Performers arrive @ 6:30 PM
Music Dept. 9 th Grade Concert	TBD-June	Performance at 7 PM; Performers arrive @ 5:30 PM

Evaluation

- Formative Assessments (20%)
 - Arriving to class prepared with pencil
 - Participation and engagement in rehearsal
 - Employing vocal techniques taught in class (mouth shape, posture, tone, volume, etc.)
 - Some written assignments
 - Some online assignments
- Summative Assessments (80%)
 - All assignments that demonstrate mastery
 - After-school rehearsal attendance
 - Concert participation
 - Reflections
 - Tests and Quizzes
 - Performance tests

Sightreading Factory

All students in the Lenape Choir have received a one year membership to the program Sightreading Factory for the 2019-2020 school year. Sightreading Factory is an online tool for practicing sightreading skills. Students are able to access the program on any computer, laptop, tablet or Android device. iOS users are able to download a free sightreading factory app for use with their iOS device. Students are required to complete 3-4 Sightreading Factory tests each marking period. These tests will count towards your summative grades for each marking period.

To join Sightreading Factory please complete the following steps.

1. Go to SightReadingFactory.com/student
2. Select the appropriate age group.
3. Enter the student code **umjmpn**
4. Complete the registration information.

Communication

- All students and parents are encouraged to sign up for choir text alerts to keep up-to-date with choir activities. Text alerts are used primarily for reminders and time sensitive schedule changes.
 - **To receive text alerts through REMIND do the following...**
 - Text the appropriate code(s) to 81010

Curricular Choir Classes:

Bel Canto Singers (7 th & 8 th Grade Girls)	@ac4fg
Troubadours (7 th & 8 th Grade Boys)	@3824b3
7 th Grade Choir (7 th Grade Boys & Girls)	@fk98be
8 th Grade Choir (7 th Grade Boys & Girls)	@7ff88ah
9 th Grade Choir	@fcc4df

Auditioned Choirs:

Chamber Choir	@6af84a
Men's Ensemble	@63hkkf
Women's Ensemble	@6af84ad
Acabellas (Spring Sem.)	@d6bfdk
Barbershop (Spring Sem.)	@g47cgk

Clubs:

Lenape Players	@lenapepla
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- Have questions about choir? – Check Mrs. Roger's teacher site. Another good resource for up-to-date information is your choir Canvas page.

Select Choir

Students who are interested in a fuller more advanced choral experience are invited to audition for Lenape's elite select choral ensembles. (Chamber Ensemble, Women's Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Acabellas, and Barbershop Quartets) Select Choirs are extra-curricular. Select Ensembles perform frequently in musical festivals, competitions, and in the community.

Auditions for select choir are on September 17, 18, 19 from 2:30-4:30 PM.

You can sign up for an audition time slot and pick up an audition packet in the choir room.

Select Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Chamber Choir – Monday evenings 6-8 PM (Jan. & Feb. 6-7 PM)

Men's Ensemble – Tuesdays – 2:45 - 4 PM (Jan. & Feb., every other Monday, 7-8 PM)

Women's Ensemble – Thursdays – 2:45 – 4 PM (Jan. & Feb. every other Monday, 7-8 PM)

Acabellas - March – June – Thursdays 4-4:45 PM

Barbershop Quartets –March – June – Tuesdays 4-4:45 PM

Parent Volunteers

I am interested in finding a committed group of parent volunteers to form our first ever, Lenape Choir Parent Council. If you are interested in serving on the parent council, please email me at your earliest convenience. jrogers@cbsd.org

Homework:

1. **Share this handbook with your parents.**
2. **Sign up for Sightreading Factory – Instructions are on the bottom of pg. 2 of this handbook.**
3. **Sign up for text alerts. – Instructions are on the top of pg. 3 of this handbook.**
4. **Complete the online Handbook Receipt form. There is a link to this form on the 7/8/9 page of Mrs. Rogers's teacher site.**