

High School Choir Syllabus

2006-2007

Units:

Quarter I:

Theory Principles: Major/Minor Scales, Intervals, Rhythm,
Major/Minor/Augmented/Diminished Triads, Sight Singing
Fall Concert Music

Quarter II:

Theory Principles: Major/Minor Scales, Intervals, Rhythm,
Major/Minor/Augmented/Diminished Triads, Sight Singing
Winter Concert Music

Quarter III:

Theory Principles: Key Signature Study
Spring Concert: Large Group Festival Music

Quarter IV:

Theory Principles: analysis
End of the Year Concert

Grading:

Music theory will be studied throughout the year and make up 1/5 of your grade.

Participation will take up 1/5 of your grade:

Daily Grade -Five daily points can be achieved per day. These are based on whether you come to class prepared (music/pencil), professional, on time, respectful and whether your attitude toward your director and your peers is appropriate.

Concert Reports will take up 1/5 of your grade:

A concert report is a one page critique on a vocal concert of your choice. You may not be a participant in this concert and it **must** include vocal music. There will be **one** per Quarter. You must critique the vocalist's technique, musicality and dramatic performance for each piece performed.

Tests and quizzes will take up 1/5 of your grade.

Concert attendance - 100 points per concert.

Concerts are mandatory test experiences. Students must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the concert. (Mandatory concert dates on back.) If you have an excused absence from a concert, you will be required to make up the experience by writing a report on a related subject. (Given by Mrs. Faust-Frodl) If you have an unexcused absence, you will

receive a zero and will be unable to make up the concert grade. (Excused/Unexcused determined by Mrs. Faust-Frodl and Dr. Moore.) Appropriate behavior is mandatory and will be graded for the duration of the concert.

Concert attire: Ridgeview will provide the men with a tuxedo. Ridgeview will provide the women with formal black gown. These items are not the property of the students, they are the property of Ridgeview Classical School's Vocal Dept. A \$25.00 deposit will be collected before the first concert. If the clothing is ruined or not returned at the end of each concert, Ridgeview will charge you the full cost of the tux or gown as well as use the \$25.00 deposit for shipping and handling. There may be special circumstances in which students may have to bring their tux or gown home overnight. They must be returned by the next school day.

Private lessons will take up 1/5 of your grade:

Three, fifteen minute private lessons should be scheduled with me **each quarter**. A student may have a maximum of one lesson per week. (Exceptions will be made if a solo or small group performance is soon to arrive.)

Class Rules:

I. Always do your best.

II. Be Professional -

Treat others with Respect - you will receive the same.

Sharpen pencils before class begins.

Be prepared - unprepared students lose their points from their daily grade.

(Please have your music **and a pencil** ready at all times. We move quickly - notes will have to be made in the music daily.)

Take neat, legible notes - theory notes are your responsibility.

Listen with your mind, not just your ears.

III. My classroom is not a study room for tests or unfinished homework. You may not read, do math, or study for upcoming tests in class. Warm-ups are an opportunity for you to work on your vocal technique, not study. (Pink slips will be administered to people that take advantage of late policies.)

IV. If you are sick and feel you cannot participate, you must go to the nurse's office. If the nurse sends you back to me, you must participate unless you have a severe case of laryngitis. Not participating will leave you with an "F" for the day.

Concerts

Mandatory concert are in **BOLD** print - mark your calendars now!!!!

Madrigal Auditions - September 10-14, 2007

Faculty Recital - October 5, 2007

Fall Choral Concert - October 23, 2007 - 7:00pm

All School Play - November 15-17, 2007

Elementary Winter Concert - December 11, 2007- 5:30pm

Intermediate Winter Concert - December 11, 2007 - 7:00pm

Advanced Winter Concert - December 13, 2007 - 7:00pm

Madrigal Dinner - January 17-19, 2008

Spring Choral Concert - March 10, 2008 - 7:00pm

Large Group Contest - TBA

Musical - April 17-19, 2008

Mother's Day Small Ensemble Concert - May 9, 2008 - 5:30pm

Solo/Small Ensemble Festival - TBA

Elementary End of Year Concert - May 19, 2008 - 5:30pm

Intermediate End of the Year Concert - May 19, 2008 - 7:00pm

Advanced End of the Year Concert - May 20, 2008 - 7:00pm

Graduation - May 24, 2008 - 12:00pm

Please have a Parent or Guardian Sign and return the below section to Choir - This is your first assignment!

Due: September 5, 2007

I have read this syllabus and understand the requirements of Concert Choir. I am aware of the mandatory concert dates and times and the consequences of not attending them. I have also read and understand the concert attire rental agreement and will turn in the necessary deposit before the Fall Concert; October 23, 2007.

Parent/Guardian _____ date: _____

Student's Name _____

Phone number: _____ email: _____

(email necessary for e-music newsletter)