

SYLLABUS FOR 7th and 8th GRADE CHORUS

Overview: 7th and 8th Grade Chorus is an elective class designed to provide students with choral performance opportunities. Students will provide a variety of choral literature with an emphasis on understanding the fundamentals of music. The choral program requires all participating students to attend rehearsals, concerts, and other performances. Students will continue to develop a basic understanding of music theory and its application to the performance of the ensemble. Students will have the opportunity to be adjudicated by music professionals outside the district.

Textbooks and Other Resources Used:

- Music literature and resources provided by the instructor.
- Sight singing materials

Outline of Content:

Students will be able to:

- Sing comfortably and with good breath control throughout their ranges
- Sing music representing diverse genres and cultures with expression appropriate for the work being performed
- Sing music written in unison and two parts
- Sing with expression and technical accuracy a varied repertoire of vocal literature, including some songs performed from memory
- Understand the process of voice change in boys and girls
- Practice writing and understanding simple notation
- Sight sing melodies in one, two, and three parts
- Self-assess individual and group performances based on tone quality, intonation, expression, dynamics, rhythm, and diction
- Demonstrate an awareness of basic intervallic relationships and solfege

Required Performance:

- Winter Concert – December 8, 2011
- Music in Our Schools – March 12, 2012
- Spring Concert – May 10, 2011
- TBD Hersheypark Adjudication Trip – May 11th or May 18th, 2011

Dress Code for Performances:

1. Boys: Black pants, white shirts, ties, and black shoes
2. Girls: Black pants or skirts, white shirts, and black shoes