

**Brandywine Heights Area School District**  
**200 West Weis Street, Topton, PA**

**Course Syllabus for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**

**Overview:**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is an elective program designed to provide students with choral performance opportunities. Students will perform a varied repertoire of choral literature with an emphasis on the understanding of 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.

**Textbooks and Other Resources Used:**

- Music literature and resources provided by the instructor.
- Worksheets / Handouts

**Outline of Content Semester One and Two:**

Through chorus rehearsal and choral performance, students will:

- 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 the changing voice in girls and boys
- Practice writing and understanding simple notation
- Read at sight simple melodies in 4/4, 2/4
- Self-assess individual and group performances based on the elements of music (intonation, diction, rhythm, technique)
- Demonstrate an awareness of basic intervallic relationships

**Required Performances**

- **Christmas Concert** – December 3, 2009
- **Music in Our Schools** – to be announced
- **Spring Concert** – April 29, 2010