

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

**Course Syllabus for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**

**Overview:**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is an elective program designed to provide students with choral performance opportunities. Students will perform a wide variety of choral literature with an emphasis on understanding and appreciating different musical styles. The choral program requires all participating students to attend rehearsals and concert performances. Students will continue to develop a basic understanding of the fundamentals of music, and practice the application of those basic fundamentals through performance.

**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 accurately and with good breath control throughout their singing ranges
- Sing music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the work being performed
- Sing music written in two and three parts
- Sing with expression and technical accuracy a varied repertoire of vocal literature, including some songs performed from memory
- Read at sight simple melodies in 4/4, 2/4, 2/2, and 6/8
- Identify and define standard notation symbols and terminology
- Self-assess individual and group performances based on the elements of Music (intonation, diction, rhythm, technique)
- Demonstrate an awareness of intervallic relation and solfeggio.

**Required Performances**

- **Christmas Concert** – December 10, 2009
- **Music in Our Schools** – To be announced
- **Spring Concert** – May 6, 2010