



**Northview High School
Fine Arts Department
Mixed Chorus
2017-2018
Mason Copeland, Director**

Instructor Contact Information

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Meeting Time: 4th Period

Meeting Place: 785

Course Description

The meaningful, substantive, and far-reaching goal of music instruction in this course is for students to become superb musicians, demonstrating those qualities that superb musicians exhibit at all times.

Chorus promotes musical learning and love of performance through the skilled execution of high quality musical literature. Programming is diverse and represents a wide variety of developmentally appropriate choral music over several centuries of music composition.

In addition to the choral experience, students will develop their musicianship through chamber music, sectional rehearsals, and music theory. Additional opportunities include solo performance, musical theater, A Cappella, arranging and composition, conducting, music theory, and independent studies in music.

In addition to performance, students will cultivate their musical learning by listening to, analyzing, and describing music; evaluating music and music performances; and understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.

Course Objectives

Students will...

- 1) ... sing and/or play a varied repertoire of music from various stylistic periods.
- 2) ... apply understanding of musical concepts discussed in choral literature (rhythm, pitch, key and time signatures, tempo, etc.) by marking music in pencil and demonstrating mastery through large group rehearsals and performances.
- 3) ... synthesize musical concepts through performance and be assessed on mastery of content standards.
- 4) ... listen, analyze, describe and evaluate musical performances.

- 5) ... demonstrate appropriate rehearsal skills in small and large group skills.
- 6) ... demonstrate improvisation skills.
- 7) ... will arrange and compose music within specific guidelines.
- 8) ... will read, notate and sight-read music.
- 9) ... will demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.
- 10) ... demonstrate awareness of post-secondary musical opportunities, including collegiate and community music-making, music industry.

Rehearsal and Behavioral Expectations

- 1.) Students are expected to treat teachers, students, peers, and all musical instruments with care and respect.
- 2.) To achieve success in this class, students must arrive to class on time, be in their seats before the rehearsal begins with all required material, and participate in the rehearsal in an active, engaged, and meaningful way.
- 3.) No cell phones in class. There will be one warning. If the distraction persists, instructor will collect phone and return it after class.
- 4.) No food or gum allowed in class. Only bottled water will be allowed.
- 5.) Students are expected to practice regularly and prepare individual parts outside of class. Class time will be devoted to ensemble skills.

Required Material

- 1) Pencil / Folder
- 2) Music (including concert music and study materials)

It is imperative that you have three items to preform well in the course. There will be random pencil checks during class as part of daily participation. Also, folder checks will insure students have all scores and proper markings to perform.

Lab Fee

There will be a minimal fee of \$50.00. This will cover the cost of music purchase throughout the year and our 2017-18 chorus T-shirt.

Assessment Methods

Throughout the year, teachers will assess students through a variety of methods. These will include written, but are not limited to, or electronic quizzes, written reflections, playing tests, and performance attendance. Students are expected to take this work seriously and complete each assignment thoroughly.

Grading Policies

- 35% Daily Preparation and Demonstration of Rehearsal Skills
- 30% Performance Assessments/Test
- 20% Concerts/Dress Rehearsals
- 15% Final Exam

Uniforms

Women – Black dresses, black character shoes. If you have a dress from River Trail, and it fits, you may use it. If not, I will have to order you a dress.

Men- Black pants, black jacket, black shoes, black socks, white button-up dress shirt. We will decide on a tie and order it.

Folder Storage

Folders must be stored properly in the assigned location. Failure to do so results in warning and disciplinary action.

