

Masconomet Regional High School Curriculum Guide

Course Title: Chamber Choir

Course Number: 8421

Department: Music

Grade Level and Phase 10-12 Honors

Length of Course: Year

Course Description:

Chamber Choir is a smaller select ensemble that focuses on repertoire of an advanced caliber that has much more responsibility for the individual singer. Students will also earn their honors status with outside written and researched projects as well as be responsible to learn and memorize all their assigned music. Research projects will explore the musical history of eras relating to specific works of music. Chamber will share some repertoire with Chorale and perform some of the larger works with them in addition to doing community service with that group at Christmas gigs. In addition to three concerts and holiday gigs, members will also have mandatory performances at the Foreign Language Banquet, the Formal Recital, Art Song Recital solos, Memorial Day Ceremony and Baccalaureate. Chamber Choir will meet one day per cycle at the same time as Eighth Grade Chorus. This time will be spent modeling musicianship skills and assisting the director with managing the younger ensemble. Chamber choir is also to be present at all 8th grade performances to assist in their production.

Pre Requisite: Audition for the director demonstrating advanced level of musicianship for assigned placement in ensemble. Candidate must be able to read music and demonstrate vocal accomplishment.

Objectives:

Improvement of vocal, technical, musical, and performance skills which include:

Healthy vocal technique

Projection of voice

Good posture

Good embouchure (mouth position)

Strong diction

Ability to sing voice part within student's section

Ability to sing voice part within a mixed formation

Memorization of music

Proper stage and concert etiquette

An improved ability to read pitches and rhythms at sight with and without the aid of Solfege syllables.

The ability to sing and pronounce multiple languages correctly.

These objectives support the following **Learning Expectations from the Masconomet High School Mission Statement: A1, A3, A4, S1, S2, S3, C1, C2, C3**

Assessment:

Grades will be assessed as follows:

1. Class participation – 45%

(Rehearsal skills, Vocal Technique, Musicianship skills, *Classroom behavior*)

2. Performance attendance – 20%

3. Class attendance grade – 35%

4. Final Exams count as 25% of semester end grade.