

Masconomet Regional High School Curriculum Guide

Course Title: 8th Grade Chorus
Department: Music

Course Number: 8079
Grade Level and Phase 8th Grade Elective

Length of Course: Year

Course Description:

Eighth Grade Chorus is an elective course that lasts for an entire year. A large focus of this class is preparation for the competitive nature of the choral program at the high school level and attention will be paid to the development of the musical skills of vocal production, musical literacy (reading music), stage deportment and etiquette, and some exposure to acting and scene improvisation skills. Students will also be working with the Masconomet Senior High Chamber Choir, a talented, select and auditioned group who will be mentoring and assisting in chorus class one day per cycle as scheduled. Students will have the experience of doing more advanced music literature than previously done and will be performing for three main events throughout the year.

Pre Requisite: None

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. 80 % of a student's grade will be based on a daily pass or fail participation grade. All students in the Chorus are expected to participate in class fully by listening and/or singing when requested. Participation also includes behavioral standards as set forth in the Student Handbook.
2. 20% of a student's grade will be based on attending all concerts and rehearsals. Unexcused absences will result in the loss of one letter grade.