



Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

Grade 8 Chorus (Course 738)

2012-2013

Course Description:

As singers, students will develop and demonstrate intermediate music reading and performance skills. Students will analyze and critique music from various genres/styles, explore music history and its composers, and develop critical and creative thinking skills.

Course Content:

- * Music Reading
- * Vocal Technique
- * Improvising, Composing, and Arranging
- * Expression and Interpretation
- * Music History and Culture
- * Analysis and Critique

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Concert Repertoire, newly selected for each semester

Teacher Generated Supplementary Materials

Course Requirements:

Students will be expected to bring the following materials to each class:

- *3-ring Binder or Pocket Folder with fasteners for loose-leaf paper
- *Loose-leaf paper
- *Pencil (music should not be marked in ink)
- *Black choral folder (supplied by SLMS)
- *Concert Repertoire (supplied by SLMS)

Students will complete the following:

- *Concerts and scheduled performances
- *In-school rehearsals
- *After-school rehearsals
- *Quizzes/Tests
- *Compositions
- *Projects
- *Classwork/Homework

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on a point system that will be converted into overall percentages (student's total earned points divided by the total possible points). Graded items may include assignments, projects, tests/quizzes and performance assessments in addition to thoughtful and engaged participation in class, rehearsals, and performances.

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

No summer reading/assignments are required for this course.