



# Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

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## Grade 8 Chorus (Course 738) 2014-2015

### 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.