

Avon High School Chamber Choir Syllabus

2016-2017

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Course Objectives:

Chamber Choir is an auditioned performing ensemble open to students in grades 9-12. This ensemble is designed to offer singers an opportunity to:

- Perform, analyze and explore a diverse repertoire
- Build upon skills for healthy singing
- Enhance their understanding and appreciation of the art of choral music.
- Demonstrate leadership and appropriate etiquette during all rehearsals.
- Improve sight-singing and ear training skills
- Obtain a greater understanding of basic musical concepts
- Identify and label various musical markings in scores
- Evaluate performances of this group and others using a mature musical vocabulary

Honors/College Prep:

- This course can be taken as Honors or College Prep. Students will make the choice, after reviewing the honors contract and conferring with their parents and their teacher, to be an honors or a college prep student in that choir. Please see the honors contract for more information.

Materials:

- Every student must provide their own **1 inch, 3-ring black binder** for their music. *This binder will your "choral text book" and must be brought to class every day!*
- *Students must bring a pencil to class every day* for the purposes of marking music.

Student Expectations:

- ***RESPECT*** all materials provided to you (music folders and music) by keeping them in an "almost new" condition
- ***PRACTICE*** specifically assigned music independently
- ***TURN OFF and PUT AWAY*** all cell phones.
- Seek extra help from the director and/or fellow student.
- Bring all materials that are listed above to every class
- Abide by all rules outlined in the AHS Student Handbook.

Assessment:

- 40% Attentive Rehearsal Participation/Behavior and Etiquette
- 40% Individual/Small Group Assessments
- 20% Miscellaneous Assessments

Avon High School Choir Concert Dates:

December 8, 2016	7:00 pm	AHS Auditorium (12/12 - snow date)
April 2017	Time TBD	AHS Auditorium
May 25, 2017	7:00 pm	AHS Auditorium

As a member of Chamber Choir, students are expected to attend a series of community performances throughout the school year. Parents will receive an email with details for each concert as these opportunities arise.

Concert Attendance Policy:

- All students **MUST** attend every choral concert performance in which their respective choir performs.
- Failure to do so will result in a choir grade of F.
- In case of an extenuating circumstance, the choral student's parent or guardian must inform Mr. Brochu, in writing, as soon as possible.

Make-up Tests:

- If a student is absent from the school the day of a singing test/quiz, *it is the student's responsibility to arrange a make-up time with Mr. Brochu within one week of the original test date.* Failure to do so will result in a grade of 0%.

Concert Attire:

Most of your concert attire is provided by the AHS Music Department. It is essential that all students take good care of these expensive clothing items.

Women:

- black Dress (provided)
- black dress shoes (flats)

Men:

- tuxedo jacket (provided)
- white dress shirt
- black dress pants
- black dress shoes and socks
- tie (provided)

I have read and understand student expectations, the concert attendance policy, concert attire requirements and all other responsibilities required to be a member of the Avon High School Choral Department:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Email Address: _____