

Wahoo High School Concert Choir Syllabus – 2009-2010

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I. DESCRIPTION

The Wahoo Concert Choir is a choral ensemble of men and women. Concert Choir performs several concerts throughout the year as well community functions. Students are highly encouraged to enroll in concert choir for one full year, as the goals and objectives are designed to be ongoing throughout both semesters.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To provide students with a high quality performance choir
- ❖ To perform a variety of choral literature
- ❖ To provide an environment for vocal development, both as an individual and as an ensemble
- ❖ To provide opportunities to learn about music; its development, construction and expression.
- ❖ To create awareness about different styles of music
- ❖ To increase awareness of how music is unique in its expressive and communicative nature, particularly non-verbal aspects.
- ❖ To provide a place of belonging and unity while emphasizing teamwork
- ❖ To provide an array of performance opportunities while performing a variety of musical styles

III. TEXT and SUPPLIES

No text required. Music is currently supplied to students by the Music Department.

Students will be assigned a choir robe, which will be worn for most all performances.

IV. EXPECTATIONS AND GRADING

Students in a choral ensemble are required to put forth their best effort at all times on a daily basis.

A. Students selected to Concert Choir are expected, at this level of distinction, to excel in dedication. Members will strive for and be evaluated on:

1. Mastery of performance literature including:

- a) Pitches and rhythms
- b) Texts and translations
- c) Diction
- d) Phrasings and dynamics
- e) Memorization when required
- f) Expressive elements of the choral art

2. Completion of all assignments and exams

B. Attendance at all performances

Students who miss a performance must write a paper to make up their absence. Failure to do so, will result in a failing grade. Exceptional circumstances may be negotiated with the director

C. PLEASE NOTE: Come to class ready to sing, follow classroom expectations, care enough to do your very best every day, and you will be successful in this class.

V. REHEARSAL POLICIES

Efficient rehearsals are essential. Focus is expected at all times. Choir members are responsible for all material and information covered in class. To accomplish this, a few simple principles must be followed:

1. 100% participation and concentration.
2. A positive attitude at all times.
3. Every member of the choir must have a pencil at all times to in order to mark music.
4. Absolutely NO gum or food of any kind!

5. Keep the choir room neat and orderly.
10. Professionalism is expected at all times during rehearsals, performances and anytime we are in contact with others (visitors, tour, etc.).

VI. PERFORMANCE POLICIES

Professional performances are essential. Focus is expected at all times. To accomplish this, a few simple principles must be followed:

1. Attendance is required.
2. Punctuality is required. Be prepared.
 - Fulfill jobs promptly and lend a hand after concerts when assistance is needed (set-up, tear-down, etc.)
3. No noise or talking "back-stage" or "on-stage."
 - Listen carefully for any last moment instructions.
5. Behaviors "on-stage" are to be professional.
 - No conversations, gum chewing, scratching or other distracting behaviors are acceptable.
6. Be disciplined but SMILE and COMMUNICATE! Be an artist!
7. Personal appearance is to be professional.
 - Hair to be neat, clean and out of your face.
 - Men are to be clean-shaven
 - Concert dress is to be neat and clean.
 - No perfume or cologne!
 - Women should wear make-up to ease harshness of lighting, but remain tasteful and appropriate.
 - Avoid anything that draws attention to an individual (jewelry, incomplete concert dress, etc.).
10. Professionalism is expected at all times.
11. Be an example of excellence anytime we are in contact with others (before, during and after a performance). Remember that with every performance, we are representing our school and our music department.

VII. STATEMENT

We are trying to do something very unique; taking a large number of individuals, developing their talents, unifying them into one body. With this body, we take a work of art and internalize it, learn to understand it, and express it to listeners. We must become as one, in thought and spirit as we communicate thoughts to other people. The Wahoo High School Concert Choir is recognized for excellence. Nothing else is acceptable. Each member must reach the highest level of competence for the choir to be what it must be.

CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMANCE DATES AND REQUIREMENTS

Saturday October 10 th	All-State Auditions
Saturday October 10 th	Choir attends FREE concert at the Lied Center (Transportation provided for students-Bring \$\$ for Dinner) (Attendance required)
Tuesday October 20 th	Fall Concert @ Elementary 7 p.m.
Fri-Sat-Sunday Nov. 13-15	MUSICAL
Monday Nov. 16 th	Conference Clinic-Hosted by WHS
Sunday Dec. 6 th	Christmas on the Prairie
Friday Dec. 11 th	HS/MS Vocal Concert @ Elementary @ 7 p.m.
Friday Jan. 15 th	Black History Program @ WHS in the a.m.
Thurs./Fri. April 22-23	District Music Contest
Wed. May 5 th	HS Band/Vocal Pops Concert