

East High School Vocal Music Class Syllabus

Contora (Per. 4)

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By the end of this class you will be able to:

- Sing a variety of styles of unison, two and three part music with good vocal technique.
- Demonstrate an improvement in singing quality between the beginning and end of the year.
- Identify music symbols and terminology
- Read and understand basic music notation symbols for pitch, rhythm and dynamics
- Create an arrangement of an existing song or melody
- Describe and evaluate music performances using music terminology
- Demonstrate the capability to rehearse music in a focused and disciplined manner

Guidelines for Success

To be successful in this class you will need to:

Give your best effort → Always strive to improve → Be helpful and kind → Be positive → Work together like a team

Classroom Rules

1. Be seated with class materials when the bell rings
2. Remain at your assigned seat unless otherwise instructed
3. Stay on task and participate fully in all class activities
4. Respect and support all class members
5. Food, candy, drinks*, hats, electronic devices (cell phones must be turned off and put away) are not allowed
*water is allowed

Class Activities: Students will participate in daily warm-up and note reading exercises, music theory lessons, singing of choral music and learning about music of various styles through listening and discussion. Students will participate in several public performances over the course of the year.

Grades:

60 percent of your grade will come from **class participation** and how well you follow the rules. Weekly Participation grades are based on a 20 point scale (See the class participation rubric for detailed descriptions).

Each student will start each week with 16 points (a low B).

Students receive extra points (up to 21) for consistently exhibiting the following behaviors:

First to follow directions	Consistently Focused and Engaged.	Positive leadership
Exceptional effort and energy	Strong musical leadership	Quiet practicing during down times
Consistently marks music reminders with pencil.		

Each rule violation will result in a deduction from the weekly point total.

30 percent of your grade will come from **class work and tests** (music reading, music knowledge, part singing)

10 percent of your grade will come from **concert attendance and behavior**. Points will be deducted for the following:

Missing a dress rehearsal	Missing a performance unexcused
Tardiness to a performance	Inappropriate behavior during a performance

Absences

Students will not earn participation points on days that they are absent. Students are allowed to make up 3 days of excused absence points per semester points as follows:

Assisting Mr. Taylor before, after school or during lunch for 20 minutes (must be scheduled in advance)

See the absence policy for more details.

Materials

Students will be provided with a folder to hold music, worksheets and handouts. These folders will be stored at school.

Students may take folders home to practice, as long they remember always to have them in class. Students are also required to have a pencil with them in class everyday.

