

East High School Vocal Music Class Syllabus

Honors Choir X (Per. 6)

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

- Sing a variety of styles of music demonstrating advanced vocal technique
- Demonstrate improvement in vocal ability between the beginning and end of the year
- Sing four to eight part music with musicality and accuracy
- Read and perform advanced notation for pitch, rhythm, dynamics and tempo with fluency and musicality
- Create sophisticated arrangements of existing songs and melodies
- Evaluate musical performances and specifically identify areas of strength and weakness
- Practice independently for a minimum of two hours per week
- Perform music with four or more parts independently with one person on each part

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 Requirements and Activities: Students are required to learn and practice music independently. Students will participate in daily warm-up and note reading exercises, singing of choral music and learning about music of various styles through listening and discussion. Students will also be required to attend extra rehearsals as deemed necessary.

Grades:

30 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:

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| 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.

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

20 percent of your grade will come from **concert attendance and behavior**. Points will be deducted as follows:

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| 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 (4 points).

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 need to provide their own folder for this class to hold music, worksheets and handouts. Students will keep the folder with them so that they can practice at home. Students are required to have their music and a pencil in class every day.