

Gobles Public Schools Middle School Syllabus

Contact Information:

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Course Description:

Students will be introduced to basic music theory, sight reading, correct vocal technique, a variety of choral literature, and performance opportunities. The concerts listed on the syllabus are mandatory and students who have an unexcused absence for concerts will receive a zero for the concert/concerts missed. Excused absences can be made up on a case by case basis at the discretion of the teacher.

Course Goals:

1. Students will be able to read primary level sight reading
2. Students will be able to apply and recognize the following elements in a choral setting: expression, dynamic contrast, phrasing, tone quality, timbre, form, articulation, proper vocal technique, balance and blend in a choral context.
3. Students will be able to sing their assigned parts alone and in groups (2 or 3 part)
4. Students will participate in performances and learn and apply stage presence
5. Students will learn to work as a team through performances, projects, and classroom activities
6. Students will be able to have educated discussions about music
7. Students will be able to apply and understand basics of music theory which include:
 - a. Quarter, half, whole, dotted quarter, dotted half, dotted whole, eighth, sixteenth notes, and corresponding rest values
 - b. Identify keys based on key signature
 - c. Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8

Materials Needed:

Student:

1. Choir Folder
2. Pencil

*Coming to class prepared is part of your participation grade

Classroom Material Provided:

1. Choir Folder
2. Choir Music
3. Music Theory Materials
4. Sight Reading Excerpts

Concert Attire:

1. Black Pants/Skirt/Dress
*If you decide to wear a skirt or dress you will need black tights
2. Black Dress
3. Shirt or Blouse
4. Black Shoes
5. Black Socks

*If the family can not afford to buy any of these things please let me know as soon as possible so that it can be provided for that student.

Grading Policy

40% Performances:

- December 3rd
- March 2nd
- May 18th

*Concerts will be starting at 6pm in the gymnasium call time will be 5:15pm

*If for any reason we cannot have a live concert due to the amount of people in the gymnasium we will be having a recorded performance. More details will be provided at that time.

10% Quizzes and Homework:

- This could include:
 - a. Parts of music we are working on
 - b. Sight reading examples
 - c. Music theory quizzes/homework
 - d. Composition assignments

20% Class Participation:

- Coming to class prepared with a pencil as well as your mask
- Wearing your mask during the entire class
- Being an active participant during class

15% January 19, 20, 21, 22 – Semester Exams:

- These exams may include:
 - a. Parts of music we are working on
 - b. Sight reading examples
 - c. Music theory quizzes/homework
 - d. Composition assignments

15% June 7, 8 and 9 – Final Exams:

- These exams may include:
 - a. Parts of music we are working on
 - b. Sight reading examples
 - c. Music theory quizzes/homework
 - d. Composition assignments

Parent Letter

I am so excited to be able to have the opportunity to make music with your students. This will be my first year as a music teacher at Gobles Public Schools. I will be doing one Middle School Choir and one High School Choir as well as teaching K-3rd grade in the Elementary.

I was informed when taking this position that Gobles Public Schools has not had a choir for more than 20 years and I could not be more excited to start this program. However, I cannot do this on my own and will need your help! If you are interested in taking part of what will be an amazing choir program, I would love to hear from you. The quickest and easiest way to get a hold of me is through email which is listed at the beginning of this syllabus. There will also be a form attached where you can let me know that you are interested as well.

The concert dates are December 3rd, March 2nd, and May 18th. Students will need to be in the MS/HS gymnasium at 5:15pm and the start of the concert is 6pm. If for any reason we cannot have a live concert due to the amount of people in the gymnasium we will be having a recorded performance. More details will be provided at that time.

Please make sure to review the syllabus with your child so that expectations are clear. I am so excited to work with both you and your child this year and for the many more to come.

Sincerely,

Hannah B. DeVall

Parent Information (Print Clearly)

Students Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you are interested in participating behind the scenes at concerts, working with uniforms or helping out the program in other ways, please circle: YES NO

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the syllabus and understand the policies set forth by it.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____