

Miller Voices Syllabus

2017-2018

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Office Hours: 10:30-11:30 am

Course Description/Overview: Miller Voices is a select mixed choir for 11th & 12th grade singers and placement is by audition only. The precepts of advanced musicianship will be stressed in this course. Members of Miller Voices have daily rehearsals involving vocal pedagogy while studying a wide variety of musical styles from various historical periods, diverse cultures, and languages. Concerts are presented quarterly throughout the year. During quarter 3, Miller Voices participates in the MN Region VIAA Large Group Vocal Contest. The spring trip to Chicago is an optional opportunity.

Required Materials: Black shoes, pencil, \$20 Uniform Cleaning Fee and T-shirt

Quarterly Summative Assessments: Total percentage of grade: 75%

- Performances (*dates and times on backside of this form*)(30%) *Excused Absence Alternative: Research Paper
- One reflection performance (5%)
- Part Testing (Recorded during rehearsal) (25%)
- Music Theory Written Assessments (15%)

Quarterly Formative Assessment: Total percentage of grade: 25%

- Weekly Rehearsal Activities (25%) *Engage in Singing, Listen, Sit in Assigned Seat/Section with Music*

Grading: The primary purpose of grading is to communicate the academic achievement status of students to students, their families, employers, and post-secondary institutions. A grade should accurately reflect **what students know** and are **able to do** in a course.

Grading scale (sample)

WHS GRADING SCALE		Grade Definitions
A	93.00 - 100%	Exemplary work
A-	90.00 - 92.99%	
B+	87.00 - 89.99%	Proficient/Thorough work
B	83.00 - 86.99%	
B-	80.00 - 82.99%	
C+	77.00 - 79.99%	Acceptable work
C	73.00 - 76.99%	
C-	70.00 - 72.99%	
D+	67.00 - 69.99%	Mediocre work
D	63.00 - 66.99%	
D-	60.00 - 62.99%	
F	0 - 59.99%	Unacceptable work

Grading modifications may be made for students with IEP or 504 plans.

1st Quarter Graded Performances

FALL HOMECOMING CONCERT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 7:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM

2nd Quarter Graded Performances

WINTER CONCERT MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 7:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM
Orchestras, Miller Voices, Crew 612, Choraliers

3rd Quarter Graded Performances

CLASSICS CHOIR CONCERT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 7:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM

MN REGION 6AA CHOIR COMPETITION MONDAY, MARCH 12 6:00-9:00 P.M.
EDINA H.S.

4th Quarter Graded Performances

POP CONCERT TUESDAY, MAY 29 7:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM