Biloxi High School Choral Department 2021 - 2022 Choir Syllabus

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Course Objectives:

Students will learn basic music theory through the year and will be tested periodically on the material.

The student will work on the basic skills of singing, including vocal technique and solo vocal performance. Proper vocalization, breathing, breath support, diction and intonation will be addressed.

The students will learn the fundamentals of sight singing and be able to do so independently. This is to include rhythms and pitch.

The students will sing a variety of vocal literature to include but not limited to American, Broadway, Folk, Spiritual and Classical.

The student will learn basic music terminology as it is used in the choral setting. Students will learn repertoire with the intention of travelling to choral festivals and competing.

Grading: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=65-69 F=below 65 I=incomplete Grading follows the policies of Biloxi Public Schools. A mid-term progress report and a report card following the end of each term are issued.

Tests and Grades:

The student will be given a daily grade for each day he or she actively participates in Choir. A student can earn up to 20 points a day for a total of up to 100 points a week. The student will be assigned Bell Work daily. This work will be taken up and graded weekly. Students may be tested on bell work.

The student will be tested periodically on vocalization, breath support, diction, and music memorization.

The student will be tested periodically on sight singing. This is to include rhythm and pitch.

The student will be tested on music terminology.

All performances and extra rehearsals count up to 3 major test grades

Retesting:

The student may retest on any of the material listed above, with the exception of missed rehearsals and/or performances.

If the student chooses to retest on a singing/sight singing test, the student must come in for a reteach session for at least 1 day after school for 30 minutes. These days will be agreed upon by the teacher, the parent, and the student.

If the student chooses to retest on written tests, the student must come in for a reteach session for at least 1 day after school for 30 minutes. These days will be agreed upon by the teacher, the parent, and the student.

Homework:

The student is expected to learn music terminology as assigned.

The student is expected to learn materials from classroom instruction as assigned.

Course Requirements:

Regular and prompt attendance and preparation Enthusiastic participation in class discussion and activities Attendance to all performances and contests

Required Supplies

Pencils Highlighter