

High School Choir Syllabus

2018- *Mrs. Baker* -2019

• Communication with the teacher

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• Course of Study

- Students will work on vocal technique through singing and sight-reading.
- Students will learn music theory, music history, and explore different musical decades and cultures.
- Songs will range from a variety of genres including classical, foreign language, and pop.

(All lessons will follow the Oklahoma State Dept. of Education– State Music Standards)

• Grades

Concerts & Contests	100 Points
Written Tests & Sight- Reading Quizzes	75 Points
Daily Participation	5 Points per day
Wednesday Writing	50 Points

Concerts are recorded twice in the gradebook

This is a participation/performance based class and if you do not participate, your grade will be affected severely.

Text Message Alerts



Please sign up to receive text message reminder alerts about upcoming times and events for choir throughout the year.

• Class Materials

- 1 Composition Notebook
- Pencils
- Solid Black 1" Binder



• Preparation and Concert/Contest Dress

- 1 Come prepared everyday. Upon entering the room, grab music from the trays or your music binder. You will need your composition notebook for Wednesday Writing assignments.

- 2 If we attend a contest as a group, choir robes will be worn for the performance. Black pants and black shoes will need to be worn under the robes. If we perform downtown for events and do not wear the robes, students will need to wear a pair of nice jeans without holes. I will provide a Hobart Choir polo shirt to be worn for the performance and will check it out that day.

- 3 Nice, school appropriate dress clothes are required for the concerts. Follow the school dress code! T-shirts, hoodies, spaghetti strap/halter top shirts/dresses are NOT ALLOWED! Skirts and dress lengths must follow the dollar bill width rule in the school handbook. Pants or slacks are requested instead of jeans. If you don't have any pants or slacks, a nice pair of jeans without holes can be worn. Grades will be deducted for not dressing for the concerts and contests.

****Our first concert is 4 months away so now is plenty of time to find something appropriate to wear.**

• Responsibilities

* Participation is your main responsibility in this class. This is a performance based class so how you act in class and in concerts will determine a large portion of your grade for the semester.

* It is your responsibility to be in class on time and attend all required events.

* Because concerts and performances make up the largest part of your grade, if you miss it you will have to do an assignment to make up the grade.

- If you miss for another school activity, you will still have to do an assignment for me because I have to have a grade to record. (It would not be fair to just give an A when the others attended and performed.)

• Activity Trips

We will take a few trips throughout the year to different events.

While on the trips, students are expected to be respectful to the bus driver, parent sponsors, other teachers, myself, and their peers as they would in the classroom.

• Fundraisers

All students who are in choir, will be required to help the group in fundraising. We will have a Fall and a Spring Fundraiser. Money raised from the fundraisers will go towards the following:

- Purchase of music for the school year,
- Maintenance and repair on the choir robes and shirts.
- Help off set costs of contest entry fees.

The students are part of the group and will be expected to help raise money and turn it in in a timely manner. If they do not, their name will be turned into the office and they will not be able to participate in another fundraiser along with paying for all of their entry fees for contests.

• Schedule of Events

Listed below is the schedule of events for the upcoming year. Please mark these dates on your calendar. I like to plan in advance so everyone can make arrangements to be there.

Sept. 29 th -	Western OK Honor Choir Auditions	@Woodward
Oct. 22 nd -	Western OK Honor Choir Concert	@Elk City
Oct. 27 th -	JH and HS All-State Auditions	@Lawton
Nov. 9 th -	Veteran's Day Assembly 10:00 a.m.	@Gym
Nov. 10 th -	HS 2 nd Round All-State Auditions	@UCO
Nov. 13 th -	JH 2 nd Round All-State Auditions	@Rose State College
Nov. 15 th -	Hennessey Vocal Festival	@Hennessey
Dec. 13th-	Christmas Concert	@Hobart First Baptist Church
Jan. 10 th -11 th -	JH All-State Rehearsal/Concert	@OKC/Bethany
Jan. 16 th -18 th -	HS All-State Rehearsal/Concert	@Tulsa
Feb. 16 th -	OSSAA District Solo/Ensemble Contest	@SWOSU
Mar. 6 th -	OSSAA District Large Group Contest	@Elk City Pioneer Center
Mar. 28 th -	OSSAA State Large Group Contest	@Shawnee
Apr. 18 th -	OSSAA State Solo/Ensemble Contest	@Shawnee
May ?? (TBA)	Spring Concert	



*** *The Christmas Concert and Spring Concert are required events for all choir students*

• Auditioned Choirs & Solo Contest

Students will be allowed to participate in the following contests and festivals this year:

- Western OK Honor Choir and All-State auditions
- Hennessey Vocal Festival
- OSSAA District and State Contests

There will be a sign up on the board for these events. All students that are interested will bring home a form to be signed.

• Social Media

Please like and follow the Hobart Choir-Hobart, OK Facebook page. This page will be updated frequently with choir events, fundraiser information, and student accomplishments.



• After-School Practice

I will be available after-school to practice on Honor Choir, All-State, or solo music. High School practice days are:

Monday and Wednesday 3:15-4:00

• Rules and Discipline

I expect all students to follow my classroom rules.

Discipline:

- A warning will be given first with points being taken off their daily point total.
- Afterschool detention will be assigned for the next day or ISD
- If the behavior hasn't changed after those have been given, the student will go straight to the office.

Classroom Rules:

1. Come in quietly, pick up materials for class, and be seated by the time warm-ups start.
2. Stay in your seat at all times unless otherwise given permission to be up.
3. **NO GUM!!**
4. DO NOT bring food or drinks to class. If we have a reward day after a concert, I will tell you which day we will celebrate and then you can bring something.
5. **No cellphones!!** All cellphones will be placed in the basket on the piano at the start of class. If you have a cellphone out during class and don't turn it in, I will write a pink slip and take the phone to be turned into the office.
6. No toys, gadgets, or any item that will cause a distraction during class. These items will be taken and turned into the office.
7. No talking while I'm talking or while we are singing, you must raise your hand and get permission to speak. Grades will be affected for talking without permission.
8. Keep your hands to yourself and leave each other and their property or space around them alone.
9. Be on time for class! If you are tardy, you will be marked in the computer and only the office staff can correct it after I mark it. Please let the office know you will be tardy before you come over to the music room.
10. Stay away from my desk, piano, and computer unless you have permission. (Do not touch the piano keys as you walk by!)
11. Students will be excused for restroom purposes only in case of illness or emergency. The custodian will lock the bathrooms in the music room building if there is a mess made in the bathrooms! It will then be off limits to students, so be responsible and use good actions so this doesn't happen.
12. Disrespectful students will not be tolerated. Afterschool detention will be assigned or the student will be sent straight to the office if you are disrespectful to myself or any other students.
13. Do not destroy school or my personal property. Be respectful of our school and other students property because you would not be happy if they destroyed something of yours.
14. Sing!! Students are expected to at least try their hardest everyday and participate.