

Varsity Choirs Syllabus

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Course Description: Armstrong's **Varsity Choirs** provide an opportunity for 10-12th grade students to sing in choir without an audition. Students will learn techniques for healthy vocal production and perform quality and comprehensive choral literature as they improve their skills to become independent musicians.

Priority Standards:

Utilizing the foundational knowledge and skills to create, perform, respond, and connect through music.

Grading:

80% - Skills Attainment/Achievement and Performances
 60% Vocal Development/Repertoire(summative)
 20% Foundational Skills (summative)
20% - Rehearsal Skills/Student Engagement (formative)

Grading Scale:

A 94-100% / A - 90-93% / B+ 87-89% / B 84-86% / B- 80-83% / C+ 77-79% / C 74-76% / C-70-73% / D+ 67-69% / D 64-66% / D- 60-63 % / NC 59% and Below

Units:

Students will be graded through a quarterly unit of study. Grades will be updated following each unit completion.

Make up Policy:

Talk with Mrs. Trump or Ms. Cellurale.

Music and Folders: Varsity Choir members are assigned a folder with music that belongs to Armstrong High School and must be returned at the end of the semester. The loss of music/folder will result in a fine for the student.

Concert Attire: choir robe, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes

Performance Participation: Armstrong Choirs perform in several concerts per year. Each of these performances are considered CURRICULAR events, therefore attendance is mandatory. Performance of the music is considered the final exam for a music course, even if the performance does not coincide with the term's grading deadlines. Each performance is unique, and cannot be recreated, there is no opportunity to "make-up" the concert experience. Performance grades include, but are not limited to attendance, vocal performance, performance etiquette, quality, behavior, active listening throughout the concert, off stage behavior, and appropriate performance attire.

**Every effort is made between the directors and coaches to avoid conflict with performance dates and other Armstrong activities. When this is not possible, the coaches and directors compromise based upon the students' responsibilities to the performing organization and position on the team. We will not put the student "in the middle;" instead, we work collaboratively with coaches to balance the choir's curricular performance requirements and extra-curricular responsibilities.

Website: www.armstrongchoirs.org

Fee: An annual \$25 Robe Fee will be collected each year. Additional fees may be applicable for any added events.