

Papillion- La Vista High School Experience Music Project Syllabus 2016-2017

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Course Description- This course is designed to incorporate performing in conjunction with the understanding of musical concepts, terminology, and history. Performance and musical aptitude will be enhanced by study of proper posture, vowel shape, tone quality, intonation, and rhythm. Sight-reading skills will be improved through activities implemented on a daily basis. In addition, the students will engage in thorough analysis of the repertoire performed as well as self-analysis of their own performance. By integrating critical understanding of deeper meaning of the literature with basic musical concepts, students will come out of the class with the necessary tools to create a quality performance and build a well-rounded understanding about choral music that will assist students in their future music endeavors.

Course Prerequisites- None

Course Goals-

- a. To learn quality instrumental and choral music from all over the world through various time periods and genres.
- b. To become more familiar with different musical instruments and their playing techniques.
- c. To analyze music based upon its form, chords, instrumentation, and possibly lyrics
- d. To acquire a long lasting appreciation and enjoyment for music and its performance.

Materials-

- *Music! Its Role and Importance in Our Lives* textbook (provided)
- Pencil
- Notebook
- Computer (provided)

Classroom Expectations-

- a. In your seat with your notebook and pencil by the bell.

- b. Be present and willing to participate during class.
- c. Show respect during class to: the classroom, the teacher, your classmates, the instruments, and the music
- d. Leave food, drink, and gum out of the classroom- a water bottle with a closed lid is allowed during rehearsals
- e. Set daily goals to make yourself a better musician

Grading Scale-

- A. 90-100
- B. 80-89
- C. 70-79
- D. 60-69
- F- 59 and below

Tardy Policy-

- Tardy 1: Verbal Warning
- Tardy 2: Verbal Warning
- Tardy 3: Call or email home to parents
- Tardy 4: Administrative referral
- Subsequent Tardies: Administrative referral

Formative Grades: 30% of overall grade

- o Daily Journal 5 points per day
 - Journal entry or musical activity at the first 5 minutes of every class period.
 - Checked at the end of each week.
- o Performance Activities 5 points per day
 - Evaluations of musical skill and development on multiple instruments
 - Evaluations occur multiple times a week
 - 5 pts.: Student exemplifies proper techniques and a will to grow on the particular instrument
 - 3 pts.: Student shows some musical growth, but a strong will to learn.
 - 1 pt.: Student shows weak performance skills and a lack of a will to learn
 - 0 pts.: Student is absent and unexcused or chooses not to play an instrument.
- o Papers, Compositions, Etc. 20 points
 - Evaluations of musical understanding of a particular subject.
 - Graded for accuracy, depth of musical thought, creativity, and organization

Summative Grades: 70% of overall grade

- o Quizzes 15 points x 7 quizzes
 - Assessments of basic vocabulary, knowledge, and information over two or three weeks.
- o Final Performance/ Composition Project 50 pts.
 - Cumulative example of composition and performance work.
 - Performed week before finals week.
- o Concert Review 50 pts.
 - Attend one concert of your choice
 - Write a performance review expressing the musical elements of the concert.
- o Semester Final 100 pts.
 - Written Final
 - Finals Week

Performance Schedule

- Monday, October 3- Men's Festival University of Nebraska at Lincoln- All Day (All Vocal Men), Lincoln, NE
- Thursday, October 20- Fall Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. Papillion-La Vista High School Auditorium
- Sunday, October 30- Show Choir Dinner and Auction- Papillion-La Vista High School- 3:30-9:00
- Thursday, November 3- Band Concert 7:00 p.m. Papillion La Vista High School Auditorium
- Sunday, November 13 - Choral Collaborative -Holland Center, Omaha, NE
- Tuesday, November 15 - Monarchs on Stage - 7:00 PLHS Auditorium
- Friday, November 18 - Nebraska All State - Lincoln, NE Lied Center
- Monday, December 5 - Instrumental Jazz Concert- 7:00 PLHS Auditorium
- Saturday, December 10 - Show Choir Spaghetti Feed- 3:30 PM PLHS Cafeteria
- Sunday, December 11 - Choir Concert - 3:00 PM PLHS Auditorium

