
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: SYMPHONIC CHOIR

Course Overview and Essential Skills

Symphonic Choir is an advanced choir for students selected through audition. Student musicians focus on developing tone production, articulation, phrasing, genre approaches, and musical public performance in a collaborative ensemble.

The focus of the course is geared towards individual/group musical performance. Students apply learned concepts and advanced techniques to execute higher level difficulty choral literature.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- Choral Literature : TBD each year based on ensemble balance and skill - provided
- Tuner and metronome - provided or permitted on personal device via apps
- Projector
- Piano/Digital Piano
- Microphones/Amplifier/Speakers
- Teacher Computer

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Concepts/Skills/Resources	Timeframe
Tone Production Intonation	Embouchure and air support via oral cavity, lips, jaw, and diaphragm support Use of piano	4 weeks
Rhythm, Diction, and Expression Development	Meter, beat, IPA, lyrical meaning Use of Movement Use of piano	6 weeks
Articulation and Dynamics	Staccato, legato, slur - all addressed through appropriate air support Volume spectrum from <i>pp</i> through <i>ff</i> Dynamic production assisted by air support, energy	6 weeks
Ensemble Literature Music Vocabulary	Application of previous concepts applied to literature performance Appropriate genre interpretation Musical terms applied towards performance expression	20 weeks

**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*