

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: 7TH GRADE VOCAL MUSIC

Course Information	Teacher Information
<u>Course Length</u> : 12 Weeks	<u>Name</u> : Larry Lucas

Course Overview and Essential Skills

7th Grade Vocal Music Students meet every day for 12 weeks and can participate throughout the school year for full chorus ensemble. This class offers a continuation of developing skills in good vocal and choral singing techniques and sight-reading of two-part and three-part musical scores. Opportunities are provided for group and solo performance. A wide variety of styles of music literature are explored. The program is aimed at a variety of musical experiences. The class is also aimed at developing general music abilities through piano and vocal performance and creative music abilities. The class builds on elementary music experiences in learning to read and write music as well as listen to a variety of musical forms and styles. Some other course goals are: to develop a musical literacy, explore a variety of genres (classical, jazz, music theater, pop etc...), explore and develop skills using electronic multi-timbral, programmable keyboard instruments and explore and develop skills using computer music software.

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

“Essentials of Sight Singing Vol. 1”	“Alfred’s Basic Piano / Keyboard Course”	“Sounds of the Cities”
Various Excerpts of Choral Literature	“Exploring the Blues”	Various supplementals

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Vocal basics / reading & writing music review / reading and writing music	Alfred’s Essential Elements of Sight Singing Vol. 1 / Choral Literature	12 weeks intermittently
Piano basics and reading and writing music	Alfred’s Basic Piano Course & various supplementals	12 weeks intermittently
Patriotic Singing	“The Star Spangled Banner” & various patriotic songs	1-2 weeks
Music Theater (styles, history, listening overview, and acting & singing)	TBA annually	2-3 weeks
“American Music Cities” Unit (various genres of music in various regions)	“Sounds of the Cities” & various supplementals	8 weeks intermittently
Blues Music (styles, history, and listening overview)	“Exploring the Blues” & various supplementals	1-2 weeks
Music Artist Project	School library, public library, & the internet	4-6 weeks

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