

Alpharetta HS Advanced Mixed Chorus Syllabus

This chorus provides students with the opportunity to experience the art of choral music through the study and performance of many styles of advanced music literature. The focus is on performance techniques and music of various cultures.

Each student is expected to practice at home on a regular basis to be prepared for class. In class, students are expected to have their materials with them at each rehearsal. They are encouraged to take notes and mark the music to aid them in their home practice. Practice reports are to be turned in at the beginning of each week.

Materials: A folder with choral sheet music and a pencil.

Course Topics:

- Vocal production
- Aural training skills
- Diction
- Balance and blend
- Music reading
- Harmony
- Intonation
- Interpretive elements
- Styles and periods of music history
- Conducting
- Performance skills
- Rhythmic precision

Evaluation:

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| Participation | 25% |
| (includes attendance, use of time, having class materials, following instructions) | |
| Homework, practice reports | 15% |
| Performances or special projects | 35% |
| Quizzes/evaluations | 10% |
| Final Exam | 15% |

Special Considerations:

Since the requirements for this class go beyond time spent in school, much self-discipline must be practiced in planning ahead for performances. (The schedule is posted on www.ahschorus.org.) In the event that conflicts arise, they will be handled on an individual basis. All students are expected to be at all performances for their group. Students with excused absences from performances will be expected to complete special projects.

If students are absent from class, they have the opportunity to make up any work in accordance with the student handbook. Students may request an extension due to special circumstances. Late assignments that are not excused will be accepted, though penalty points will be deducted, 10 per day, 50 maximum.

Students are encouraged to schedule help sessions or extra rehearsals on an individual basis at any time.

Conferences may be scheduled by appointment.

Detailed information about policies and procedures is contained in the AHS Chorus Handbook, available at www.ahschorus.org.

Students in danger of failing may elect to improve this grade by initiating recovery work in accordance with Fulton County Policy.

AHS Plagiarism Statement: A particular kind of honor code violation occurs with plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as the use of another's words or ideas and the presentation of them as though they are entirely one's own. Acts of plagiarism include but are not limited to using words or ideas from a published source without proper documentation; using the work of another student (e.g., copying another student's homework, composition or project); using excessive editing suggestions of another student, teacher, parent, or paid editor. Plagiarism on any project or paper at Alpharetta High School will result in a zero for the assignment, two days of Saturday school, and an Honor Code Violation. Unless directly stipulated by the teacher, collaboration on written work is not acceptable. Students who willingly provide other students with access to their work are in violation of the Alpharetta High School Honor Code. From time to time, students will be required to register with and post assignments to the Fulton County approved plagiarism detection site, turnitin.com. Should the teacher require posting the particular assignment to turnitin.com, the assignment must have been posted to the website prior to the time the assignment is collected in class or the assignment will be considered late.