

# Women's Chorus

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The Tolland High School Women's Chorus is an unauditioned performing ensemble open to all girls grades 9-12. The Women's Chorus performs various genres of music from renaissance to pop, both accompanied and a cappella. In this class, students will learn proper vocal production and music literacy skills. The ensemble performs three times a year: once at the end of each marking period (October 27 and January 12) and also at the Madrigal Dinner, held December 9 and 10 in the THS cafeteria.

## Expectations of Student Learning

Participation in a chorus builds the foundation for living successfully within a community by working cooperatively with others and thinking and listening critically. The student will work to create a musical experience that will communicate and respect the intellect and emotion of a musical work. The student has the opportunity to acquire skills which will act as a foundation for future learning in and appreciation of the arts.

## Student Responsibilities

- Participate positively in class. Always strive to do your best. Be part of the team!
- Show respect to the director, your fellow singers, and yourself.
- Be on time to class. (And spit out your gum as you walk in the door!)
- Come to class prepared to work (music, pencil, agenda).
- Practice your music at home. Music is performed memorized for each concert.
- Take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Music is school property. You are responsible for handing it in at the end of each concert in good condition.
- Attend all performances and demonstrate proper concert etiquette, both as a performer and an audience member.
- Dress appropriately for concerts.

## Concert Attire

Black gowns will be provided to the singers. They must be returned (clean) after the January concert. There will be a \$50 charge for dresses that are not returned.

## Grading

### Daily Participation 50%

- How well are you contributing to the success of the class?
- How well do you know your music?
- How is your attitude in class?
- Are you arriving to class on time?
- Are you on task?
- Are you prepared (music, pencil)?

### Quizzes 15%

- Music Theory/Reading/Sightsinging/Literature
- Singing Quizzes

### Performances 25%

- All concerts are mandatory. If student is ill, parent/guardian must call the director.

### Writing Assignment 10%

- Post-Concert Assessment