

Woodland High School Choirs

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Course Description

Through the study of various choral music, students will advance their personal musical skills as well as increase the overall quality of their ensembles. Daily lessons and rehearsals will be based on the Georgia Performance Standards for choir; focus areas will include correct singing technique, musicianship, music theory, music history, and how music relates to history and culture.

Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures:

To ensure an optimum learning environment, please adhere to the following:

- Students will be RESPECTFUL to all adults and classmates
- Students will be seated in class when the bell rings
- Students will not display cell phones, portable electronic devices or unauthorized materials in class unless directed by a teacher to do so - this includes charging phones
- Students will use computers/technology appropriately at all times
- Students will follow all rules of Woodland High School and Henry County Schools
- No food or drink is allowed in the choir room (water is allowed in closed containers)

Required Materials and Texts

- **Folder** – You will need something in which to keep music
- Pencils
- Music will be issued to you by the choral department; if music is not returned, you will be asked to pay for replacements for the choral library. The average cost of a single piece of music is \$2-3.

Make-up Work Policies:

Unexcused absences will result in no grades awarded for work given while absent. Excused absences allow the students to make up work in the equal amount of time they were absent.

Grading

I. Course Final Average: 80%

Formative assessments – Daily/Weekly grades and written assignments: 15%

Summative assessments – Concerts: 40%, Quizzes/part checks/reviews: 25%

II. Final Exam: 20%

Daily/Weekly Grades

Students will be graded each day in class – each day is worth 20 points, making each week worth 100 points. Students will gain points based on their participation and engagement in class. Each student will start each week with 0 points and will gain points as each week progresses.

Unexcused absences will result in all points being lost for that day.

Excused absences will not receive any point deduction.

Written Assignments:

During the course of the year, students will have small assignments (mainly in class) that will be turned in and graded. These will mostly include assignments in music theory and history.

Concert Grades (including dress rehearsals)

In music, concerts are exams. Each student is expected to attend (and be on time) every rehearsal and concert in which his/her ensemble is participating. Students are expected to be present for the entirety of concerts and are not allowed to leave until the end of the concert.

Students will only be excused from either of these with **written notification from a parent or doctor**.

Reasons for an excused absence include: illness, death in the family, natural disasters, previously scheduled school event. Please note: **work is not an excuse**.

Students who miss a concert and are excused must make up the grade by completing a written assignment; assignments will be handled case-by-case and the topic will be decided on between the student and teacher. Papers are to be three pages in length and should be typed and double-spaced. All make-up assignments are due two weeks after the concert date.

Students who are tardy to these events will have points deducted from their grade. Students will only have these points given back if a valid written excuse is received from a parent.

Part Checks

Part checks are when students will sing their part of the music for the director (usually in small groups). This is to assess accuracy of pitches and rhythms and memorization closer to concert dates. Students will be graded by the director based on their performance only, not that of the other students in their group. Some part checks will be done at home - students will record themselves and submit to the director within a given time frame.

Uniforms

Each student is responsible for buying his or her own uniform. Detailed information will be sent home soon.

Girls: The dresses worn by the choir are the same as those worn by the band and orchestra. We will order these early in the year; dresses cost is \$70. You will also need a pair of closed-toe, black shoes.

Guys: Tuxedos can be purchased on your own, or through the choir. All tuxes should include pants, coat, shirt, cummerbund, bow tie, and white tux shirt. If you choose to order through the choir, the cost is \$105. You will provide your own black socks and black dress shoes.

Each student is responsible for any alterations that need to be made to their uniforms. They are also responsible for the upkeep of the uniform. If a uniform is damaged or lost, it will be the responsibility of the student to replace it.

Other Performance Opportunities

Students are given the opportunity to perform at other venues and with other conductors. For students in auditioned ensembles, participation is expected. Some of these events include auditions, extra fees, and sometimes travel.

Large Group Performance Evaluation
District Honor Choir
GHSA Literary – Solos, Male Quartet, Female Trio

All-State Choir
Spivey Hall Honor Choir

Student/Parent Consent of Understanding – 2019-2020

****Please complete this information online at <https://forms.gle/kLBRPsWoUoNzTLXj9>**

Please only print this page and return if unable to complete the online page

I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for my membership in the Woodland High School Chorus as directed by Sierra Manson

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

If you were unable to submit personal information at open house, please use the following QR code to submit that info. Information will only be used by Ms. Manson for parent/teacher communication purposes.



You may also complete this form by visiting the following link:

<https://forms.gle/eLNZ25RctDrkSuED8>

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WHS Choir Important Dates 2019-2020

Dates in bold are mandatory events

If any dates are changed/alterd/added in anyway, sufficient notice will be given by Ms. Manson

First Semester

August

8/1 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

September

9/13 - Homecoming Football Game & Tailgate
@ Woodland, call time TBD

9/17 - Fall Concert

Stockbridge Community Church, call time TBD

October

10/19 - Spivey Hall HS Honor Choir rehearsal
Spivey Hall, Clayton State, all day

10/24-26 - Spivey Hall HS Honor Choir
Spivey Hall, Clayton State, all day

10/24-26 - All State Reading Chorus Auditions
Spivey Hall (tentative)

November

11/1-2 - District Honor Choir
Eagles Landing Christian Academy (tentative)

11/9 - All State Choir Auditions

December

12/10 - Candlelight Carols

Stockbridge Community Church, call time TBD

Second Semester

January

1/8 - FIRST DAY OF 2ND SEMESTER!!

1/16 - 2nd Round All State Auditions
Whitewater High School

1/23-25 - GMEA In-Service Conference
Athens, GA

1/31-2/1 - Henry County Men's Honor Chorus
Henry County PAC

February

2/4 - GSU Eric Whitacre Concert Day
Rialto Theater, Georgia State, all day

2/27-29 - All State Choir
The Classic Center, Athens

March

3/3 - LGPE Concert Pre

Stockbridge Community Church, call time TBD

3/9-12 - Large Group Performance Evaluation

Location TBD, times TBD

3/10-13 - American Choral Directors Association Southern Division Conference

Mobile, Alabama

April

4/1 - Tapestry

Woodland HS Gym, call time TBD

4/15-19 - Fine Arts Trip

Washington, D. C.

4/25 - Solo & Ensemble

May

5/7 - Pops Concert

Fairview PAC, call time TBD

5/22 - Graduation

Woodland Football Field, seniors call tbd