



American Fork High School Choirs

Welcome to the Choir Program at American Fork High School! AFHS Choirs have a strong tradition of performing excellence. Participation in choir will be challenging and rewarding as you strive to become a competent and confident choral musician through rehearsal and performance of a wide variety of choral literature from around the world and throughout history. To do this we will focus on six disciplines:

1. **Musicianship** (reading, writing, understanding, and performing music)
 2. **Healthy Vocal Production** (science and physiology of healthy singing)
 3. **Text Meaning and Diction** (pronunciation, IPA, figures and parts of speech)
 4. **Repertoire** (exposure to quality literature and performing groups)
 5. **Individual Responsibility** (calendar, planning, meeting expectations and commitments)
 6. **Collaboration** (building group unity while maintaining individual accountability)
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The choir website is the best source of information for students and parents:
www.afchoir.org

Learning outcomes: At the end of this course students should be able to:

1. Produce a beautiful tone
2. Demonstrate productive rehearsal habits
3. Demonstrate notational literacy
4. Document personal growth as a musician and performer
5. Demonstrate technical choral performance skills
6. Evaluate ensemble performances
7. Demonstrate both sight singing and basic ear training interval/chord recognition skills

Assessments and Grading

Participation – 30%: Productive attendance in rehearsal

- Do not miss rehearsal unless you are contagious to others. Students may only make up points for up to four EXCUSED absences per term unless there are serious health issues necessitating a prolonged absence.
- Students with more than 4 absences prior to a concert may not sing in the concert unless he/she passes off the music to a section leader or the teacher.
- Full participation includes having music and marking it in pencil. No music means losing 50%
- Students using cellphones, iPods, headphones, eating and/or doing homework during rehearsal without direct permission from the teacher will lose 80% of participations for the day.

Concert/Festival Performances – 30%: These performances are MANDATORY. Dates are on the choir website.

- Any performance or festival conflicts must be discussed and cleared with the teacher at least TWO WEEKS prior to the event. Conflicts with work, other rehearsals, sport practices, church activities, etc. are not acceptable reasons to miss a concert. Contagious illnesses, hospitalization of the student, or the death or marriage of an immediate family member or grandparent are reasonable reasons to miss a concert and a make up assignment is available.
- Students ineligible for performances may earn up to 75% of the concert points by watching the concert and completing a concert report form available from the teacher.

Assignments – 25%: Formative online assessments, self-evaluations, reports, and critiques

- Students must have access to the Internet to complete assignments through Skyward and the choir website. Assignments turned in on time may be retaken for a higher grade up to four school days before the end of term.
- Late assignments will lose 20% of the points for each class period it is late and no retakes are permitted.
- Assignment due dates will be posted on the choir website on the choir assignments page each term.
- Students may earn up to 30 extra credit points for one concert report each term. These must be turned in within one week of the concert performance along with the program or ticket stub attached. These are due at least two days prior to term's end.

Tests – 15%: Summative assessments will given each term either online or during class.



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Classroom Expectations

Classroom rules, procedures, and rehearsal etiquette are strictly enforced and failure to follow the rules will result in lost participation or removal from the class for chronic offenders.

- Students will have times of solo or small group singing in choir. No exceptions.
- Backpacks are not to be taken to your chairs. They are to be left in the front or along the back or sides of the classroom. All you may bring to your chair is your music, paper, pencil, and water bottle.
- Students are to be in his/her ASSIGNED seat with music, paper, and pencil prior to the starting bell or he/she will be marked tardy.
- You are to remain in the class the entire period unless given permission by the teacher to leave. Bathroom breaks are no more than 5 minutes and you must take a hall pass. Only one student may use the restroom at a time.
- No food, drinks (except water), or gum is permitted during class without prior approval from the teacher. Students who break this rule will lose 80% of his/her participation points for the day.
- Use of cellphones, iPods, electronic devices of any kind, headphones, etc. without permission from the teacher that day will result in a loss 80% of a student's points.
- Students are not permitted to talk during warm ups or rehearsal and should not ask questions about his/her part unless we are rehearsing that part at the moment. It disrupts the pacing of the rehearsal.
- Students are expected to stand and give full attention during class while warming up and/or rehearsing the music even when he/she is not singing unless otherwise directed.
- All assignments and forms should be turned into the class basket in the choir room.
- There is a mailbox outside the choir room to turn in assignments after third period since Mrs. Warby teaches part-time.
- During FLEX period students are to work quietly in their assigned seat unless given direct permission from the teacher that period. Failure to do so will result in a loss of participation points for the day.

Choir Performance Uniforms

Students must wear complete choir uniforms to participate in concerts and festivals. If a student is not wearing the complete uniform, he/she will not be permitted to perform and will have to complete the alternative assignment earning up to 75% of the points for the concert. **Pictures of uniforms are on the website as is the ordering information.**

- Chamber and A Cappella Women: assigned dress, black closed-toe shoes with low heels, assigned accessories
- Chamber and A Cappella Men: black tux jacket with vest, full-collared tux shirt, long black tie, black socks and black dress shoes
- Women's Chorus: floor length back dress with sleeves and a modest neckline, black closed-toe shoes with low heels, and no necklaces, and small or no earrings
- Men's Chorus: black dress slacks, long-sleeved white dress shirt, plain long black tie, black socks and black dress shoes

Participation Expenses

Item	Cost	Responsible Students
Choir Fee	\$25 per semester	All Choir Students
Dress (Bountiful by Stage Accents)	\$80 + shipping = \$90	Chamber and A Capella Women
Single Strand Faux Pearl Necklace	\$10	Chamber and A Capella Women
Tux Jacket	\$65	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Black Satin Vest	\$35	Chamber and A Capella Men
Tux Pants	\$30	Chamber and A Capella Men
Tux Shirt with Full Collar	\$15	Chamber and A Capella Men
Black Windsor Tie	\$12	Chamber and A Capella Men
Chamber Polo Shirt	\$35	Chamber Choir
Alpine Masterwork Festival	\$35	Chamber Choir
Choir Tour	\$750	Chamber and those who attend



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Choir Tour

Choir tour is required for the members of Chamber Choir and is voluntary for all other choirs at AFHS. This year the choir tour will be to California and all four groups will be traveling together.

- There are limited fund raising opportunities for choir tour. Students are responsible for signing up and paying for the trip according to the published payment schedule. Information about tour, including the payment schedule, due dates, and fund raising are found on the choir tour page of the choir website.
- IN KEEPING WITH AFHS POLICY, NO MONEY FOR TOUR WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE FINANCE OFFICE UNTIL ALL SCHOOL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID. FAMILIES MAY ALSO ARRANGE FOR A PAYMENT SCHEDULE WITH THE AFHS FINANCE OFFICE.
- There will be a tour question and answer meeting for parents and students about choir tour on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM

First Term Assignments

These assignments are due the first two weeks of first term or within two weeks of a student joining any of the AFHS choir classes.

- Charms Office Assistant is an online program used for communication and the gathering of student information to use as emails, texts, student financial accounts, etc. Students must enter and keep their information up to date in this program. Detailed information about this program is located on the choir website. Students will receive 100 points first term for entering/updating his/her information. For instructions on entering your information, please see the choir website. **The Choir Charms account is different from the one used for the band, so please update the information for the choir as well if you are in both programs. This assignment is due August 25, 2017.** To receive points for this assignment students must enter the following information:
 1. Student's full legal name
 2. Student email address
 3. At least one parent's email address
 4. Cellphone number for receiving group text messages
 5. Home phone number
 6. Birthdate with correct year
 7. T shirt size
- **Disclosure Document Assignment must also be completed by August 25, 2017.** To complete this assignment please go to choir website home page and click on the link, "Disclosure Document Assignment." Fill out the form online and click "submit." This assignment is worth 100 points.
- *Remind* is an app that allows Mrs. Warby to send out free texts to students and parents and also allows students to respond as needed without having to give out her personal cell phone number to students. All members of choir with texting capabilities should join Remind so that we can more easily communicate about assignments, call times, concerts, festivals, etc. Parents are welcome to sign up as well to see all texts between Mrs. Warby and the choir students. Mrs. Warby will send out an invitation via email through Skyward on August 22, 2017 for students and parents to sign up for this app. **This must be completed by September 1, 2017. This assignment is worth 100 points.**
- Other assignments on music notation, choir evaluations, music text, music history will be given throughout the school year with due dates posted on the choir assignments page of the choir website. Assignments will be announced in class, posted on the choir website, and posted in Skyward. Reminder emails will be sent through Charms so that students and parents may stay informed. This means there are very few acceptable reasons for work to be late.
- Choir Tour information and ballot are in a separate packet. **Ballots are due September 1, 2017**
- **Choir uniforms purchased through the school must have an order form and payment received no later than September 8, 2017.** If you have not paid or set up a payment schedule with the AFHS Finance Office, no uniform will be ordered and you will be responsible to get the required uniform yourself and pay for the expedited shipping.



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Choir Concert/Rehearsal Dates for the 2017-2018 School Year

All choir concerts, rehearsals, and festivals are mandatory and are factored into a student's academic grade. For more detailed information on this policy and acceptable exemptions, please refer to the choir disclosure document given the first day of class and also found on the choir website.

Other performances may arise as requested by the school and community.

At least two weeks notice will be given for such events.

Date and Time	Event	Location	Responsible Students
10/09/17; 7:00 PM	Fall Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
10/16/17; 2:00 PM	Masterwork Area Rehearsal	TBD	Chamber Choir
11/11/16; 11:00 AM	Veteran's Day Service	Alpine Tabernacle	Chamber Choir
12/11/17; 7:00 PM	Christmas Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
12/17/17; 7:30 PM	Chamber Choir Christmas Concert	Assembly Hall on Temple Square	Chamber Choir
1/6/18; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/23/18; 3:00 PM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/24/18; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/24/18; 7:00 PM	Masterwork Concert	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
2/4-23/18; TBA and during class time	Choir Auditions for 18-19	Warby's office/Choir room	Prospective Chamber and A Cappella Choir Students
2/26/18; 1:30 PM	Chamber Call Backs	Choir Room	Chamber Choir Call back students
3/6/18; 3:30 PM	Region Solo/Ensemble	Westlake High School	Voluntary Participants
3/26/18; 2:00 PM	Men's/Women's Choir Festival	Bingham High School	Men's and Women's Choirs
4/16/18; 2:00 PM	Region Festival	LPHS Auditorium	Chamber and A Cappella
4/18-22/18	Choir Tour	Southern California	Chamber Choir and Voluntary Participants
5/11 or 5/12/18; TBA	State Choir Festival	U of U Libby Gardner Hall	Chamber and A Cappella
5/21/18; 7:00 PM	Spring Choir Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
5/30 or 5/31/18; TBD	Graduation	TBD	Chamber and A Cappella