



# American Fork High School Choirs

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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** (calendaring, 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](http://www.afchoir.org)

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**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 – 40%: 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 a family member or grandparent are reasonable reasons to miss a concert and a make-up assignment is available.
- Students ineligible for performances due to attendance issues and/or lack preparation may earn up to 80% of the concert points by watching the concert and completing a concert report form available from the teacher.

Assignments – 0%: Formative assessments for students to practice music theory concepts.

- Students must have access to the Internet to complete assignments through Skyward and the choir website.
- Students are not required to complete assignments but please note: students may not retake tests if they do not complete all assignments given in class. This is so students who know note names and other music theory concepts to do not need to complete “busy work.” Students who are not familiar with these concepts should complete the assignments so that they are test ready.

Tests – 30%: Summative assessments will be given each term either online or during class.

- Students who turn in all assignments and do poorly may retake the test for a higher score until terms end. Students who do not complete ALL the assignments will not be permitted to retake tests.



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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. Students with a cell phone must leave the phone with Mrs. Warby to leave the classroom.
- 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 80% 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 (Calice by Stage Accents)	\$64 + shipping = \$70	Chamber and A Capella Women
Single Strand Faux Pearl Necklace	\$10	Chamber and A Capella Women
Tux Jacket	\$70	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Black Satin Vest	\$35	Chamber and A Capella Men
Tux Pants	\$40	Chamber and A Capella Men
Tux Shirt with Full Collar	\$18	Chamber and A Capella Men
Black Windsor Tie	\$12	Chamber and A Capella Men
Alpine Masterwork Festival	\$35	Chamber Choir
Chamber Choir Tour to NYC	\$1850	Chamber Choir
Choir Tour for other choirs to Disneyland	\$700 or less	Those who wish to go



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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. Chamber choir will be traveling to NYC and all other choirs will be going to Southern California and Disneyland.

- 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 Wednesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:30 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. 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 24, 2018.** Students must enter the following information:
  1. Student's full legal name (needed for flights on choir tour)
  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 (needed for flights on choir tour)
  7. T shirt size
- **Disclosure Document Test must also be completed by August 24, 2018.** To complete this assignment please go to choir website home page and click on the link, "Disclosure Document Test." Fill out the form online and click "submit."
- *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 21, 2018 for students and parents to sign up for this app. **This must be completed by August 24, 2018.**
- Other assignments/tests 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 August 31, 2018**
- **Choir uniforms purchased through the school must complete an online order form by August 31, 2018. If you order a uniform through the choir website, you will be billed for the items ordered.**



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### Choir Concert/Rehearsal Dates for the 2018-2019 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.**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Responsible Students</b>
10/15/18; 7:00 PM	Fall Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
10/29/18: 2:00 PM	Masterwork Rehearsal	TBD	Chamber Choir
11/10/18; 11:00 AM	Veteran's Day Service	TBD	Chamber Choir
12/17/18; 7:00 PM	Christmas Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
1/12/19; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/23/19; 3:00 PM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/24/19; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsals	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/24/19; 7:30 PM	Masterwork Concert	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
2/4 - 2/22/19 by appt.	Choir Auditions for 2019-20	Mrs. Warby's office	Those who want to audition.
2/25/19; 1:30 PM	Chamber Choir Call Backs	AFHS Choir Room	Those who meet audition requirements.
3/5/19; TBD	Reg. Vocal/Piano Solo and Ensemble Festival	Westlake High School	Optional participation
3/18/19; 7:00 PM	Pre-Festival Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
3/25/19; 2:00 PM	Region Choir Festival	AFHS Auditorium	Men's & Women's Choirs
3/28 - 4/2/19	Choir Tour	Southern California	Voluntary Participants
4/15/19; 2:00 PM	Region Choir Festival	Lone Peak HS Auditorium	Chamber and A Cappella
4/24-28/19	Chamber Choir Tour	NYC	Chamber Choir
5/11/19; TBD	State Choir Festival	U of U Libby Gardner Hall	Chamber and A Cappella if they qualify
5/13/19; 7:00 PM	Spring Choir Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
5/30/19; TBD	Graduation	TBD	Chamber and Seniors