



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** (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

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

Rehearsal Grade (PROUD)– 35%: Productive and attentive participation in choir rehearsals and

- 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.
- Students using cellphones, iPods, headphones, eating and/or doing homework during rehearsal without direct permission from the teacher will lose points.

Concert/Festival Performances – 35%: 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. “I forgot” is not a valid excuse and no make-up points will be permitted.
- Students ineligible for performances due to attendance issues and/or lack preparation may earn up to 75 % of the points for the concert by watching the concert and completing a concert report form available from the teacher.
- Students who miss a concert for an excused reason may earn up 75% of the points by going to three choral concerts and completing concert report forms found in the classroom and on the choir website.

Assignments – 5%: 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.

Tests – 25%: 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.

- Show respect to Mrs. Warby and to each other by not talking when Mrs. Warby is speaking or when any section is singing.
- Be kind and patient with Mrs. Warby and each other.
- Students will be required to sing solos or in small groups. 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.
- Use of cellphones, iPods, electronic devices of any kind, headphones, etc. without permission is not permitted.
- 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 school hours.
- During FLEX period students are to work quietly in their assigned seat unless given direct permission from the teacher that period.

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)	\$70	Chamber and A Cappella Women
Single Strand Faux Pearl Necklace	\$10	Chamber and A Cappella Women
Tux Jacket	\$65	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Black Tux Vest	\$35	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Tux Pants	\$43	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Tux Shirt with Lay Down Collar	\$18	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Black Windsor Tie	\$12	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Full Tuxedo Ensemble	\$150	Chamber and A Cappella Men
Alpine Masterwork Festival	\$35	Chamber Choir
Choir Tour to Southern California	\$860	Chamber and those who wish to go



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Choir Tour

Choir tour is expected for the members of Chamber Choir and is voluntary for all other choirs at AFHS. The choirs will be going to Southern California to participate in a Choirs of America Festival and participating in an A Cappella Jam Festival Concert of Homer's Odyssey 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 choir question and answer meeting for parents and students about choir tour, uniforms, class policies, etc. on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 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 27, 2019.** 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 27, 2019.** 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, 2019 for students and parents to sign up for this app. **This should be completed by August 27, 2019.**
- **One Thing Survey is due by August 27, 2019.** Students should complete this online survey to receive points for the assignment. It is found on the homepage of the choir website.
- 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. Students should pay the first deposit by the due date listed in the packet if they wish to come on choir tour.
- **Those wishing to purchase choir uniforms through the school must complete an online order form by August 30, 2019. 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 2019-2020 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
10/07/19; 7:00 PM	Fall Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
10/28/19; 1:15 PM	Masterwork Rehearsal	AFHS Choir Room	Chamber Choir
11/11/19; 11:00 AM	Veteran's Day Service	Alpine Tabernacle	Chamber Choir
12/16/19; 7:00 PM	Holiday Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
1/11/20; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/22/20; 3:00 PM	Masterwork Rehearsal	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/23/20; 9:00 AM	Masterwork Rehearsals	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
1/23/19; 7:30 PM	Masterwork Concert	Orem HS Auditorium	Chamber Choir
2/10 - 2/21/20 by appt.	Choir Auditions for 2020-21	Mrs. Warby's office	Those who want to audition.
2/24/20; 1:00 PM	Chamber Choir Call Backs	AFHS Choir Room	Those who meet audition requirements.
3/3/20; TBD	Reg. Vocal/Piano Solo and Ensemble Festival	Lone Peak HS	Optional participation
3/18/20, 6:00 PM	Region Chamber Choir Festival	Corner Canyon HS	Chamber Choir
3/23/19; 1:15PM	Region Men's and Women's Choir Festival	Skyridge HS Auditorium	Men's & Women's Choirs
4/2/20; 7:00 PM	Pre-tour Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
4/15 - 4/19/20	Choir Tour	Southern California	Voluntary Participants
4/20/20; 1:15 PM	Region A Cappella Choir Festival	Westlake HS Auditorium	A Cappella
5/09/20; TBD	State Choir Festival	U of U Libby Gardner Hall	All Qualifying Choirs from Region Festival
5/18/20; 7:00 PM	Spring Choir Concert	AFHS Auditorium	All Choirs
5/25/20; 7:00 PM	Memorial Day Service	Alpine Tabernacle	Chamber Choir
5/30/20; 6:00 PM	Graduation	Marriott Center	Chamber and Seniors