

Marsh Jr. High Chorus

Course Outline

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Class Description and Objectives

Chorus is a performance based vocal ensemble with a focus on the development, continuation, and expansion of basic skills that are necessary for effective vocal music performance. In addition to the large group ensembles, individual growth and achievement are encouraged through participation in adjudicated solo and ensemble contests, honor choirs, and private lessons.

Topics/skills covered include:

- Tone development
- Diction
- Counting, timing, and rhythmic development
- Reading and notation skills, including sight-reading and singing
- Introduction of major and minor scales
- Simple music theory
- Development of an extensive vocabulary of musical terms and symbols
- Ear training and listening skills
- Breath Control
- Effective practice habits

Assignments and Assessments

Participation

This one is easy! Just show up to class, with your music and materials, and give your best effort.

Performances (see schedule)

Being a performance based class, it is vital that ALL students participate in our public performances. Excused absences are limited to sickness and/or family emergencies. Alternative assignments will be given for performance absences. When possible, please have students communicate any scheduling concerns as early as possible. This allows me to make any necessary changes to the concert. Performances will be given different point values depending on the situation (e.g. Formal concerts are worth more points than rallies).

Theory/Compositions/History/Skill Quizzes

Assignments and assessments will be given periodically to check each student's progress on the concepts we are studying in class which will include, music notation, composition, music theory, music history, and demonstration of vocal skills.

Extra Credit- TBD

Various opportunities for extra credit will be presented throughout the semester.

Chorus Event Calendar

October 29rd, 5 p.m.	HS Halloween Choir Show @ Chico High (Choir only)
December 10th, 6 p.m.	Marsh Winter Concert @ Marsh Jr. High School (All Bands/Chorus)
Jan. 22nd-23rd, 11 a.m. Friday - 6 p.m. Saturday	CMEA Northern Section Jr. High Honor Band and Choir (open to all students selected by audition)
March 5th, 8:45-1:30	Region III Choral Music Festival @ Butte College (Chorus only)
April 15th, 8:00-1:30	CUSD Choir Day (Chorus only)
April 22nd, 6 p.m.	Marsh Spring Concert @ Marsh Jr. High School (All Bands/Chorus)

Performance dates and times are subject to change. Additional performance opportunities may be announced throughout the year. I will make sure to communicate any changes as soon as possible.

Concert Uniform

Formal:

Marsh Band polo (provided...to be turned back in at the end of the year)

Black pants, black shoes, black socks

Casual:

Marsh Band t-shirt (may be purchased for \$10 at student store, same as last year if you still have yours)

School appropriate bottoms, comfortable shoes

Rules

- 1. Be respectful. Be responsible. Be safe. THE GATOR WAY!**
- 2. Phones** are to be powered down and in a backpack during the school day. Phones that are being used are subject to confiscation and may be retrieved from the office at the end of the day.
- 3. Food, drinks** (other than water), **and GUM** are not allowed in class.
- 4. Bathroom breaks** are not to take place during the first or last 10 minutes of class. Students will receive 5 bathroom passes per semester and should otherwise plan to use the restroom in between classes.

If a student chooses not to show respect, the following steps will be taken:

1. Verbal warning
2. Take 5 slip (to be signed by parent/guardian)
3. Detention/Referral/Meeting with administrator

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aking@chicousd.org. I am here to help you/your student succeed!

-Austin King