

Newtown Middle School Chorus Program

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students in our chorus program develop musical understanding through their participation in activities presented sequentially to build musical awareness and skill. Choral repertoire is selected to support these learning activities and to encourage appropriate vocal development and musicianship. All students are given the opportunity to perform, respond and create in a classroom and public setting.

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS:

Students should have an interest, a cooperative attitude, and a commitment to achieving success in a large performing group. An emphasis is placed on the student's willingness to demonstrate consistent effort and participation during every music class. Attending the regularly scheduled weekly sectional rehearsals and our concerts is required.

TEXT(S) USED:

No texts are used in this course. Student's learning activities are generated from teacher materials and resources. Various forms and styles of choral literature are also used as teaching tools.

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Homework may be at times assigned to help support the learning activities in class. Resources (video and audio recordings) posted to my teacher website will be used for this purpose.

PROJECTS, RESEARCH PAPERS, ETC.:

There are two concerts (Winter and Spring) per year.

CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES:

Students who demonstrate their ability to exceed the developmentally appropriate sequential objectives of the course will have opportunities to respond, perform or create in ways that will address their individual learning needs and interests.

QUIZZES AND TEST POLICY:

Various assessments that are qualitative and quantitative are given throughout the year to measure acquired musical skills and awareness.

HOW REPORT CARD GRADES ARE DETERMINED:

Student achievement is based on demonstrating their current level of understanding of music learning activities through various informal and formal assessments. Points are accumulated during the marking period and then divided by the total number of points possible.

OTHER TEACHER COMMENTS:

If you'd like to get in contact with me, the best way is through email at popej@newtown.k12.ct.us. If you would prefer to talk, please email me a number where you can be reached and a good time to contact you.