

**West Salem High School
Choir Department**

Course Information

Course	Aesteria Singers	Room: A100
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**Choir Website: Westsalemchoir.org
Please check it often.**

Welcome to the West Salem Choir Department. I am excited to begin our new year together. Please read this, and return the attached sheet with your signature and your parent's signature indicating you have both read and understand the policies and procedures of the class.

Singing is FUN, EXPRESSIVE, EMOTIONAL, HARD WORK, ATHLETIC, REQUIRES PRECISION, TEAM WORK, TREMENDOUS!!! I love to sing, and share my passion with others. Please review the course information. Every rule and expectation is there to help each student experience his/her utmost potential in choir at West Salem High School. Thank you for taking the time to read this document, and signing and returning the attached form.

Learning Outcomes

In this class students will learn: choral literature, proper vocal technique, diction appropriate to choral practice, solfege, sight reading, ear training, strong work ethic, and social skills promoting team work.

Readings

Sheet music is provided by the choral department. Each student must take good care of their music in a provided folder, and store it in an assigned slot. Students must return the music when requested by the instructor.

Grading Procedures

Rehearsal Technique:	57%
Performance Technique:	21%
Rhythm/Solfege Homework:	11%
Concert Review:	11%

Students are required to attend one concert per semester and write a review. They may not be a participant in the concert. Students must attach the program of the concert to the review. The review must be at least two pages typed. An upper level choir concert is preferred (high school, college, professional). A middle school concert is acceptable, but not preferred. Elementary programs do not qualify. Musicals do not qualify. Professional commercial concerts do not qualify (Carrie Underwood, Justin Bieber, etc). Students should write about each song listing elements like: intonation, blend, balance, musicality, vowels, diction, facial expression, emotional connection to the music.

Please avoid scheduling medical, dental, and other appointments during choir period. Most of choir work is done in class, and is difficult to make up. Absences effecting loss of credit will follow the West Salem High School current policies.

Expectations

Students are expected to have a positive and productive attitude each day. Students are expected to exhibit an exemplary work ethic. Students are expected to be on time, tardy policies will be adhered to by the West Salem High School policies currently in place. Students will respect all students, faculty, parent volunteers, community members, and anyone else that may be involved with the West Choir Department. Students will sight read, learn music, perform occasional part tests, and be prepared for class each day. Students will be attentive to instructor, and save socializing for outside of class time. Students are expected to participate in every scheduled performance and rehearsal. Students must make advanced arrangements if needing to miss an after school performance or rehearsal. Students and parents are asked to participate in all fundraising events and activities. Students are required to wear the proper attire for the performing group in which they participate. Most importantly, students will experience the joy of singing!

Concert Attire:

Dresses Provided by Choir Department
Black Shoes, Black Pantyhose, Hair pulled off of face.

FEES: A \$60. Fair Use fee is required for each student. This fee includes a Choir Jacket and current T-Shirt. If students already has a jacket, the fee is \$30. The fee is Due Friday Sept. 27, 2012. *Please make checks out to West Salem Choir Boosters.*

First Parent Meeting: Wed. Sept. 18, 6:30 – 7:30 in West Choir Room. Please make it a priority to attend. We will be discussing travel plans.

*****Please detach and return by Friday September 7.*****

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, have read the course syllabus and agree to help my child meet all the expectations of class. I have read the choir event calendar and will keep it posted at home.

VERY IMPORTANT

Parent Phone _____

Parent Email _____

Student Email _____

Student Phone _____

I give permission for my child to travel by bus or parent driven car to performance destinations throughout the year.

Signed,

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

T-Shirt Size (unisex) S M L XL XXL

Jacket Size: Men: S M L XL XXL

Women: S, M, L, XL, XXL