



West Salem High School
Choir Department

Course Information

Course	Soundscape	Room: A100
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Calendar is located on the website, please check it often.

You should receive a weekly choir newsletter via email. If you are not getting this, please email Pam Halleen: pam@halleen.com and she will take care of you 😊

Welcome to the West Salem Choir Department. I am excited to begin our new year together. Please read this, and return the Choir of the Titans 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, music is 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: Vocal Jazz and A cappella concepts, execution, and performance skills.

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:	50%
Performance Technique:	40%
Quartet Testing:	10%

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 demonstrate exemplary rehearsal technique and exhibit the state proficiencies of the subject matter.

Supplies

Each student needs a pencil to be kept in their choir folder in the choir room, and a water bottle. No food or drinks other than water are allowed in the choir room, except in instructor approved situations

TAG Considerations

TAG students will be given enrichment in the classroom through pacing and high expectations. For enrichment, there are many resources available to the talented student, TAG or not, including; private lessons. Private lessons are highly recommended for all gifted students.

Soundscape Attire:

A committee of students will be formed to choose outfits for Soundscape, and then be voted on by the choir. (Girls) No cleavage, no spaghetti straps, no strapless. Students will make every effort to accommodate all body shapes when choosing an outfit. If you are **not** on the committee, you are **not** allowed to complain. Efforts will be made to keep cost to a minimum.