

School Year 2023-2024

Course Name	Adv Mixed Chorus	Course Code	54.0234001
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Course Description

The Lakeside High School Chorus is dedicated to the development of our creative and technical singing abilities through determination, practice, and leadership. We foster a long-lasting bond between the choral program, the school, and the community by providing a quality product for our supportive base to enjoy. We plan to enable each student with skills necessary to achieve lifelong success in music and beyond.

Curriculum Overview

The following academic concepts will be covered. **THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Unit 1 – Introduction and Technology Training (2 weeks)
Unit 2 – Fundamentals of Music (4 weeks)
Unit 3 – Fall Concert Prep (Music Project 1 and Concert Piece prep 1) (4 weeks)
Unit 4 – Winter Concert Prep (Music Project 2 and Concert Piece Prep 2) (4 weeks)
Unit 5 – Final Exam Prep (Final Music Project and prep for final exam) (4 weeks)

BOARD-APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Title	Choral Connections Intermediate Level 3 School Instruments (UKULELES) will be assigned based on need and can be picked up on campus when available. Notifications through EMAIL
ISBN	0-02-655613
Replacement Cost	\$50
Online book and/or resources	FlipGrid, lakesidechorus.org, musictheory.net, Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, remind.com

GRADING SYSTEM: The DeKalb County School District believes that the most important assessment of student learning shall be conducted by the teachers as they observe and evaluate students in the context of ongoing classroom instruction. A variety of approaches, methodologies, and resources shall be used to deliver educational services and to maximize each student's opportunity to succeed. Teachers shall evaluate student progress, report grades that represent the student's academic achievement, and communicate official academic progress to students and parents in a timely manner through the electronic grading portal. **See Board Policy IHA.**

GRADING CATEGORIES	*GRADE PROTOCOL		
Formative and Diagnostic Assessments – 0%	A	90 – 100	~P (pass)
Assessment Tasks (Skills & Homework) – 25%	B	80 – 89	~F (fail)
Classwork (Guided, Independent, and Group Practice) – 45%	C	71 – 79	
Quizzes, Tests, and Projects – 30%	D	70	
	F	Below 70	

DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
STUDENT PROGRESS	Semester progress reports shall be issued four and a half, nine and thirteen and a half weeks into each semester. The progress of students shall be evaluated frequently and plans shall be generated to remediate deficiencies as they are discovered. Plans shall include appropriate interventions designed to meet the needs of the students. See Board Policy IH.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY	Students will not engage in an act of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, providing false information, falsifying school records, forging signatures, or using an unauthorized computer user ID or password. See the Code of Student Conduct - Student Rights and Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook.
HOMEWORK	Homework assignments should be meaningful and should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. Homework is at all times an extension of the teaching/learning experience. It should be considered the possession of the student and should be collected, evaluated and returned to the students. See Board Policy IHB.
MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES	When a student is absent because of a legal reason as defined by Georgia law or when the absence is apparently beyond the control of the student, the student shall be given an opportunity to earn grade(s) for those days absent. Make-up work must be completed within the designated time allotted. See Board Policy IHEA.
SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS	Practices regularly NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE CHORUS ROOM TO ENSURE A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR YEARS TO COME. Rules for classroom behavior 1. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak 2. Respect yourself, your neighbors, and your teacher at all times 3. Follow directions the first time they are given 4. Sit in your assigned seat before the bell rings; remain there unless told otherwise

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	A ukulele. These can be obtained for about \$30 online or in a music store. School Instruments (GUITARS AND/OR UKULELES) will be assigned based on need and can be picked up on campus when available. Notifications will be sent out through EMAIL. All students will be provided a Smartmusic membership, courtesy of the Chorus Boosters.
EXTRA HELP	Tutorials by appointment
PARENTS AS PARTNERS	Choir Booster meetings will be held the final Wednesday of each month. Please come and contribute!

Read the Handbook/Syllabus here:



PLEASE SIGN BELOW, cut, AND RETURN.

I have read the handbook/syllabus.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____

Information	
Parent Cell Number	
Parent Email Address 1	
Parent Email Address 2	
Student Email Address	