

# Chamber Chorus Syllabus

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10:35 – 11:30 Office Hours

The following information is for enrolled students and their parents. All Decatur City Schools and Decatur High School code of conduct policies will be followed.

## Purpose and Content

This class is designed for the development of personal character and high ethical standards through the development of skills in vocal technique, sight-reading, vocabulary enrichment, and performance skills. It is designed to develop small ensemble skills, which require advanced listening and vocal skills and personal commitment to quality rehearsal. Members must be willing to schedule multiple concerts and after school rehearsals to maintain membership. Elements are mastered for the purpose of performances in school, festivals, and community.

Membership in Chamber Chorus requires a commitment to quality rehearsal and performance. Knowledge of and mastery of rehearsal and performance skills must be demonstrated for continued membership in Chamber Chorus

## Required Materials and Obligations for Participation in Chamber Chorus

- Financial Obligations - \$45.00

This includes:

Robe Rental	\$20.00
Robe Cleaning	\$7.50
T-Shirt	\$7.50
Incidentals:	\$10.00 (bus, robe transporting, chorus pictures, picture framing, food when traveling, etc.

Chorus fee is due by 9/8/08. (A payment plan must be arranged with choral director by this due date) Inability to pay all-at-once is not an excuse. No student will receive credit for performances and receive a passing grade without satisfying the chorus fee.

## Grading

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grading period grading period  
100% Performance based grade

The Christmas and Spring Concert serve as the semester test grade. The grade will be calculated as follows:

- 20 pts. earned for on time arrival
  - 30 pts earned for correct etiquette
  - 50 points for correct concert attire;
- 6 performance grades will be given each grading period. The weekly grade can be developed from daily rehearsal grading or from a specific performance.
    - The weekly performance grade will be lowered 5 points for each instance of non-satisfactory completion of the following performance abilities:  
Sits with Correct Rehearsal Posture, Listens to rehearsal directives at cut-offs; Implements rehearsal directions; Has music folder at seat for rehearsal; Maintains eye contact with director during rehearsal; Obtains and replaces music folder in the folder cabinet before and after each rehearsal.

Although the above conditions for grading are in force, unless a student satisfies the financial obligation, submits required Travel Permission Form, submits required Biographical Information (to be completed on the chorus website) the student's chorus grade will remain at zero. For a student to be allowed to travel Parents must attend a mandatory parent meeting.