WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Middle Level Chorus

Course Number: 00850

Course Prerequisites: Previous musical experience, preferred

Course Description: (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)
Middle Level Chorus is an elective music course open to middle level students. No musical training or background is required, but all students must have the desire to sing and begin work in understanding the voice as an instrument and singing as an ensemble. Emphasis is placed on improving each student’s individual vocal capabilities. Students will be introduced to the basic elements of sight singing and theory. The chorus will sing in the holiday and spring concerts and attendance is mandatory. Music is sung from memory and consists of contemporary music in addition to the classics.

Suggested Grade Level: 6 - 8

Length of Course: One Semester Two Semesters Other
(Describe)

Units of Credit: 1
(Insert NONE if appropriate.)

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certification(s): CSPG 55-Music Education

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:
X Yes No

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:
  Repertoire to be chosen yearly, as appropriate, from libraries and new purchases.
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, CONTENT, & SKILLS

See Curriculum Map - Middle Level Choir

ASSESSMENTS

Suggested Formative Assessments: The teacher will develop and use standards-based assessments throughout the course.

- Pre-Assessments of prior knowledge (e.g. entrance cards or KWL chart)
- Bell ringers/Problems of the Day (PODs)
- Discussions
- Teacher observation/Questioning
- Graphic organizers (e.g. Venn diagrams, word mapping, webbing, KWL chart, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response

Suggested Summative Assessments:

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations

District Approved Assessment Instruments

- Any district approved assessment instrument
Portfolio Assessment:  _____ Yes  __X__ No

District-wide Final Examination Required:  _____ Yes  __X__ No

Course Challenge Assessment (Describe): Not applicable.

WRITING TEAM:  Warren County School District Music Teachers

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination?  _____ Yes  __X__ No
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?  
   ___X___ Yes  _____ No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark?  _____ Yes  __X__ No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?  
   ___X___ Yes  _____ No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation?  ___X___ Yes  _____ No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?  
   _____ No weight/Non credit  ___X___ Standard weight  
   _____ Enhanced weight (Describe)  AP