COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: A Cappella Choir

Course Number: 00859

Course Prerequisites: Audition

Course Description: (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)
Acapella Choir is composed of students who successfully auditioned for it. Most music sung is unaccompanied, putting much stress on the individual learning to listen to the other parts, as well as his/her own part, while singing. Attention is placed on posture, vocalist’s breathing and tone placement. Learning new music without the aid of the piano is a goal of this choir.

This choir is performance-oriented with attendance mandatory at all concerts. This choir sometimes travels when musical achievement and school district approval warrant it. Final exam is required.

Suggested Grade Level: 10-12

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): 55-Music Education

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department: Yes No

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:
Title: N/A
Publisher:
ISBN #: Copyright Date:
Date of WCSD Board Approval:
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 - A Cappella 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. Circle of 5ths, Dynamic Chart, Kodaly Hand signs, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Small Group Singing
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response
- Classroom Performance System (CPS)

Suggested Summative Assessments:

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Public Performance
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations
- Portfolios
- Compositions

District Approved Assessment Instruments
Portfolio Assessment:  ______ Yes  ______ No

District-wide Final Examination Required:  ______ Yes  ______ No

Course Challenge Assessment (Describe): N/A

WRITING TEAM:  Warren County School District Music Teachers

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination?  ______ Yes  ______ No

2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?  
   ______ Yes  ______ No

3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark?  ______ Yes  ______ No

4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?  
   ______ Yes  ______ No

5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation?  ______ Yes  ______ No

6. What is the academic weight of the course?  
   ______ No weight/Non credit  ______ Standard weight
   ______ Enhanced weight (Describe) AP