

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET
MODESTO HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021

COURSE TITLE: Choir - PAA
INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Cover

TEXTBOOK: In Class Hand-Outs & Sheet Music

OTHER MATERIALS:

- Folder(s)
- Pencil

MAJOR UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

- Proper tone production
- Vocal Technique
- Warm Ups
- Beginning Music Theory – note reading; parts of a staff Music History focused on Theatre and Dance
- Rhythm
- Performance

GRADING/EVALUATION POLICY:

Since Choir is a performance-oriented subject, students will be graded based on participation in class and end of semester performances. Written quizzes, a midterm and final examination will also be given.

Quizzes/Worksheets: 10-50pts
Midterm/Final: 100-200pts
Participation: 10pts per day

The midterm and final exams will consist of multiple choice and short answer/fill in the blank type questions pertaining to the major units of instruction. These tests will be a cumulative exams.

METHOD OF GRADING AND SCALE:

Total Number of Points Earned /Total Points Possible

90-100% - A
80-89% - B
70-79% - C
60-69% - D
59% and below - F

VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

We will be learning virtually for a portion of the school year. Daily attendance and participation online is expected and part of your participation grade. We will be singing some days but until we can meet face-to-face this is just tricky to do altogether. There will be assignments you turn in through Schoology, Flipgrid, and maybe MusicFirst.

EXTRA CREDIT:

If a student wishes to possibly bring their grade up ONE LETTER GRADE, for instance a D to up to a C or a C up to a B, they have a couple of options. One option is to write a paper that would include topics such as the history and development the guitar or other appropriate musical topic approved by the instructor. The paper will be no more than 4 pages in length. The paper will be worth a maximum of 5 percentage points.

The second option is to attend a music performance approved by the instructor and write a summary of the event attended. Two events may be attended. Each paper will be worth a maximum of 2.5 percentage points for a maximum total of 5 percentage points.

***Check with the instructor to see if you are eligible for extra credit before doing the assignment. Additional specifications will be given at the time of assignment.

There may be a small window to turn in late assignments for partial/late credit. This is at the discretion of Mr. Cover and once the deadline is up – it's up.

MAKE-UP PRACTICES: Students whose absence is excused shall be allowed two (2) days for each day of absence to make up work or take a test.

Responsibility for making up missed work lies with the student. Refer to the Student Conduct Code regarding make-up practices for other types of absences.

HOMEWORK PRACTICES: To insure success in Choir, students are expected to rehearse in class almost every day. Additionally, **practicing** basic vocal exercises **at home** to strengthen vocal muscles, develop better technique and improve tone is helpful for continued improvement.

*Students hoping to major in vocal music should immediately enroll in Choir if not already enrolled. Private lessons would also be recommended.