

**MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET
MODESTO HIGH SCHOOL 2019-20**

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/ea
Midterm/Final	100-200 pts
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

97-100% A+	87-89% B+
94-96% A	84-86% B
90-93% A-	80-83% B-
77-79% C+	67-69% D+
74-76% C	64-66% D
70-73% C-	60-63% D-

59% and below F

If you vandalize a school instrument, you or your parents/guardians will be required to pay for its replacement. Prices vary according to various instruments.

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.

SPECIAL NOTE: Any test or assignment that a student may not keep following its return and review will be retained by the teacher for at least 9 weeks following the issuance of report cards.