

Course Name: Grade 4 Chorus**Course #: E6432****Course Description:**

An elementary 4th-grade chorus is part of the overall elementary program. It is a separate and mandatory program for all fourth graders. Chorus meets for one class period once a week. The chorus performs a winter and spring concert and may have other opportunities for public performance. The chorus may sing varied types of songs such as but not limited to – school, patriotic, popular, show, folk, multicultural, songs in other languages, etc. Opportunities are provided for fourth graders to showcase other talents including dancing, solo, or small group singing, accompanying, creating movement, etc., when possible.

Course Proficiencies: The following is a list of the proficiencies which students are expected to know and be able to do as a result of successfully completing this course. The proficiencies are the basis of the assessment of student achievement. The learner will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Observe and respond to the conductor's cue and gestures. 1.3.2.B.7, 1.3.5.B.4 1.3.8.A.3
2. Follow a one and two-part printed score. 1.1.5.B.1, 1.3.5.B.1
3. Observe dynamics, phrasing, and other expressive elements. 1.1.5.B.1, 1.3.2.B.7
4. Show the proper use of breath control and vocal technique. 1.3.2.B.2, 1.3.5.B.2
5. Sing in unison and two-part harmony. 1.3.2.B.2, 1.3.5.B.1, 1.3.5.B.2
6. Perform choral music from memory in front of an audience. 1.3.2.B.2, 1.3.2.B.7, 1.3.5.B.2, 1.4.2.B.2, 1.4.5.B.2

Assessment:

Formative and summative evaluation of student achievement in this course will be based on the following:

1. Demonstration of choral literature and musical skills.
2. Attitude and behavior during rehearsals.
3. Attendance, behavior and overall performance at concerts.
4. Student self-reflection of individual and group performance.