



Armada Middle School Vocal Music Syllabus

Mrs. Rachel Ulinski, Director

Welcome to our Vocal Music class. We will have an exciting year learning to use our voices as instruments. In this class you will not only be singing, but reading musical literature as well. You will learn music theory, history and technique to enable you to be a better musician and singer.

We will be following the Armada Middle School Standards Based Grading Policy. All grades will be on a four point scale and will be determined based on the following criteria:

Attendance

Performance Preparation

Participation

Tests/Written Assignments

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for rehearsals and performances. As this is an ensemble that requires all members to depend on each other, it is essential that all members attend rehearsals and performances. Absences will only be excused from rehearsals if they correspond with the school's attendance policy. Performances will only be excused if a written excuse has been submitted to the director at least 3 weeks in advance of the performance date. Emergency scenarios will be left to the discretion of the director. If a student misses rehearsals and/or performances there will be an opportunity for the student to make up the assignment with an alternate written assignment at the request of the student.

Performance Preparation:

Performance preparation is how a student prepares to perform. You will be expected to know the materials proficiently and work to improve technical skills, (ex. Posture, breathing technique, intonation). If you are prepared, your performances will be outstanding!

Participation:

Participation is required for this class. Students will need to be prepared for class with all materials (music, folder, pencil) and giving their best effort toward improvement for all points to be received. A little effort goes a long way in this class!

Test/Written Assignments:

Tests and/or written assignments will be given weekly. Each assignment will be graded by a point system with a rubric of how points are awarded. If a student is absent they will be expected to make up the assignment.



Concert Attire for Performances:

Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for performances with the following:

Girls:

Assigned choir dress/sash

Nude nylons

Black, closed toe dress shoes

Dress bags for uniforms

Boys:

Assigned vest and necktie

Black dress slacks with black belt

White, long sleeve, button down dress shirt

Black socks

Black dress shoes

Please refrain from using jewelry for performances.

****Students will be responsible for a cleaning fee upon return of the uniform. If a student has money in their music account it may be used to pay for the cleaning fee. All uniforms will need to be returned on the specified date with all components of uniform intact.***

****There will be a charge for uniforms not returned by the specified date or not in the same condition it was released in. (ex. Holes, rips, tears, etc.) Please notify the director if an accident has occurred at any time with any part of the uniform or dress bag.***

Charges will apply as follows:

Dresses: \$80

Vests: \$30

Ties: \$20

Sash: \$20

Dress Bags: \$25

Schoology Learning Platform:

Schoology Learning is our district's learning management system. Schoology enables students to access all of their course materials, resources, and lessons in one central location. However, we will continue to use PowerSchool for our gradebook for the 22-23 school year.

Classroom Rule: Be respectful to yourself and others

I look forward to working with each of you. I know that it will be an exciting year. If you have concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be at the High School for hours 1-3 and at the Middle School for hours 4-6. The best way to reach me would be through e-mail at the following address: rulinski@armadaschools.org My door is always open.

**Calendar, handouts, syllabus, and all other related materials are readily available on our class website. www.armadachoirs.weebly.com as well as Schoology.*



Vocal Music Band App!

Middle School Choir

The “Band” App will be used to send out reminders and information throughout the year. Please check your email for the invitation to join our “Band”.



Middle School Choir Performance Opportunities 2022/2023 Season

October 3, 2022 - Registration opens for Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival for 7th/8th Grade Choir Members - Festival takes place on February 11, 2023 at Anchor Bay High School.

November 30, 2022 - Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal, 2:30pm - 4:30pm, AHS Auditorium

December 1, 2022 - Winter Concert, 7:00pm, AHS Auditorium

December 13, 2022 - Talent Show Auditions, 2:30pm, AHS Choir Room (optional)

February 11, 2023 – Select 7th/8th Grade Choir Members to perform at MSVMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, Anchor Bay High School

March 13-16, 2023 – Middle School Choir to perform at MSVMA Choral Festival (Date/place TBD)

April 18, 2023: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, 2:30pm, AHS Auditorium

April 19, 2023: Talent Show Performance, 7pm, AHS Auditorium

May 2, 2023 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal, 2:30pm - 4:30pm, AHS Auditorium

May 5, 2023 - Spring Concert, 7:00pm, AHS Auditorium

May 17, 2023 - Select Members to perform at AMS Awards Night, 7:00pm, AHS Auditorium

Additional dates may be added if opportunities arise.

Please sign below and return to Mrs. Ulinski

Students:

I, _____, have read and agree to follow the guidelines set
(Print student's name)
in the Vocal Music Syllabus.

Signed: _____
(Student's Signature)

Date: _____

Parents:

I, _____, Along with my child, _____,
(Parent's Name) (Student's Name)

Have read and agree with the guidelines set in the Vocal Music Syllabus. I will do my best to help my child follow the guidelines set for them.

Signed: _____
(Parent's Signature)

Date: _____