



John F. Kennedy 2020-2021 Choir Syllabus

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Rehearsal time: TBA

Course Description:

The choir is open to students with developing part-singing, vocal production, music reading, and ear training skills. The choir learns a range of age-appropriate secular and sacred choral literature that explores a wide variety of genres, which is performed in community concerts. Choral music will be assigned and provided for ensemble performances.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To provide members the opportunity for musical expression through disciplined choral rehearsals, sight-reading, and public performances.
- 2) To represent the Kennedy Choir in a manner that embodies its mission statement and the rich choral tradition of the Kennedy High School.
- 3) To participate in outreach activities and engage in active community service. For example, to perform in hospice facilities, nursing or retirement care facilities, community events etc.
- 4) To learn to respect, support, and depend on each other musically and personally.
- 5) To investigate, discover and perform the music from choral traditions around the world.
- 6) To gain performance skills through performance opportunities.



The course objectives will lead to the following student goals:

- Students will exhibit a proper singing posture
- Students will continue to develop proper breathing technique and breath control
- Students will develop good vocal / choral tone that is age-appropriate, learning to blend with the ensemble
- Students will sing with proper vowel shape and diction
- Students will sing in unison, as well as two-part, developing independence
- Students will develop aural skills, as well as developing music reading skills (notes, rhythm, and solfege with hand signs)
- Students will work together as a choral ensemble while following the Director

Important Performance Dates: To be announced at a later date.

Attendance Policy: To be announced at a later date.