

**DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SUBJECT:** Chorus

**GRADES: 8**

The middle school chorus is comprised of students in grades six through eight. Each student will have class every other day. The whole chorus will meet twice before a concert, once in school and the other in the evening the day before the concert, time TBD. This time provides the opportunity for the whole ensemble to rehearse together. Students will practice and build vocal technique, study music theory and history, and grow as an ensemble.

**GRADING PROCEDURE:** Grades are based upon a number of accumulated points.

**Sources for accumulating points are:**

1. Written Quizzes and Exams
2. Music Testing
3. Daily Participation Points
4. Concert and Performance Grades

**CONCERTS**

1. Chorus students must perform at a minimum of two concerts per year, a Winter Concert and Spring Concert.
2. A Chorus Concert is the culmination of a semester's work and is therefore crucial for the class. Students gain confidence and ownership of the music through a performance.
3. Performance attendance is mandatory, so please note the following dates so you have time to rearrange other commitments/ responsibilities.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT DATES 2016-2017 TO BE ANNOUNCED**

1. Any student who cannot make a concert should notify Ms. DeFalco in writing two weeks prior to the performance. Please remember that the concert is a large percentage of the final grade.

**There may be other performances, including, but not limited to:**

- School Events
- NYSSMA or other competitions
- Workshops and Festivals

Students will receive plenty of notice for these performance opportunities and should make every effort to attend.

**Supplies:**

\* Students need to bring a pencil every day. Students are assigned a folder number with music. This music is property of the Choral Department and all written notes in music are to be made in pencil and erased at the end of the semesters. Students may take a folder home for extra practice, but must return with it the next day.

**ABSENCES/ MAKE-UP WORK:**

Students are responsible to make up the work he or she misses and **MUST** see the teacher.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:**

- Students must follow the School-wide “S.O.A.R.” guidelines.
- Students in violation will be reprimanded according to the Dobbs Ferry Student Handbook.
- Participation is an important aspect to Chorus class and students who do not follow rules and directions may not receive full participation points.

**CONTACTING MS. DEFALCO:**

- Feel free to contact Ms. DeFalco at her school email address: defalcog@dfsd.org
- Ms. DeFalco will be available for extra help during lunch periods, her T-Periods T.B.A., and by appointment.

*Outline developed by:*

*MUSIC DEPARTMENT*

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