

**Warren County School District**  
**PLANNED INSTRUCTION**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** A Cappella Choir

**Course Number:** 00859

**Course Prerequisites:** Audition

**Course Description:** (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)

Acapella Choir is composed of students who successfully auditioned for it. Most music sung is unaccompanied, putting much stress on the individual learning to listen to the other parts, as well as his/her own part, while singing. Attention is placed on posture, vocalist’s breathing and tone placement. Learning new music without the aid of the piano is a goal of this choir.

This choir is performance-oriented with attendance mandatory at all concerts. This choir sometimes travels when musical achievement and school district approval warrant it. Final exam is required.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 10-12

**Length of Course:**        One Semester   X   Two Semesters        Other (Describe)

**Units of Credit:**       1       (Insert **NONE** if appropriate.)

**PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certification(s):** 55-Music Education

**Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:**  
  X   Yes        No

**Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:**

**Title:** N/A

**Publisher:**

**ISBN #:**

**Copyright Date:**

**Date of WCSD Board Approval:**

## **BOARD APPROVAL:**

**Date Written:** January 2015

**Date Approved:**                     

**Implementation Year:** 2015-2016

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS**

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

### **SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, CONTENT, & SKILLS**

See Curriculum Map - A Cappella Choir

### **ASSESSMENTS**

**Suggested Formative Assessments:** The teacher will develop and use standards-based assessments throughout the course.

- Pre-Assessments of prior knowledge (e.g. entrance cards or KWL chart)
- Bell ringers/Problems of the Day(PODs)
- Discussions
- Teacher observation/Questioning
- Graphic organizers (e.g. Circle of 5ths, Dynamic Chart, Kodaly Hand signs, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Small Group Singing
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response
- Classroom Performance System (CPS)

#### **Suggested Summative Assessments:**

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Public Performance
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations
- Portfolios
- Compositions

#### **District Approved Assessment Instruments**

**Portfolio Assessment:**        ☐ Yes    ☒ No

**District-wide Final Examination Required:**        ☐ Yes    ☒ No

**Course Challenge Assessment (Describe):**N/A

**WRITING TEAM:**    Warren County School District Music Teachers

### WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination?        ☒ Yes    ☐ No
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?  
      ☒ Yes    ☐ No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark?        ☐ Yes    ☒ No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?  
      ☒ Yes    ☐ No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation?        ☒ Yes    ☐ No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?  
      ☐ No weight/Non credit        ☒ Standard weight  
      ☐ Enhanced weight (Describe) AP