

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

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:**     Ensemble Choir

**Course Number:**     00862

**Course Prerequisites:**     Previous Musical Experience, preferred

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

The Ensemble Choir is an elective course open to students in grades 10 through 12. Emphasis is placed upon soprano and alto voices and vocal production (i.e. vocalists’ breathing, posture and voice-placement or head tone). Sight-singing is taught on an almost daily basis. Students are encouraged to develop self-confidence in their own singing by singing in trios, quartets, etc., as well as with the large choir. The director also listens to students sing individually as a means of assessment.

The ensemble will sing in the Holiday and Spring concerts as well as various other performances in the community. Attendance is mandatory at all performances. Music is sung from memory and will consist of various styles. 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):** CSPG 55-Music Education

**Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:**

X Yes                   \_\_\_\_\_ No

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

      Repertoire to be chosen yearly, as appropriate, from libraries and new purchases.

## **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 - Ensemble 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. Venn diagrams, word mapping, webbing, KWL chart, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response

**Suggested Summative Assessments:**

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations

**District Approved Assessment Instruments**

- Any district approved assessment instrument

**Portfolio Assessment:**        \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      X   No

**District-wide Final Examination Required:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      X   No

**Course Challenge Assessment** (Describe): Not applicable.

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

### WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

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