**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** Senior Choir

**Course Number:** 00858

**Course Prerequisites:** Previous musical experience preferred

**Course Description:** Senior Choir is designed primarily as a teaching choir where emphasis is placed on vocal production (i.e., singers’ breath, posture and voice-placement or head tone). Sight reading is taught on an almost daily basis. Attention is given to the changing voice, particularly the male voice. Students are encouraged to develop self confidence in their own singing by singing in quartets, double quartets, etc., as well as with the large choir. The director also hears each student sing individually from time to time as a means of checking vocal progress. The choir will sing in the Holiday and Spring concerts and attendance is mandatory. Music is sung from memory and consists of today’s music as well as classical and other periods. No final exam is required.

**Suggested Grade Level**: Grades 9-12

**Length of Course:** Two Semesters

**Units of Credit:** 1

**PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:**

CSPG 55 – Music Education

To find the CSPG information, go to [CSPG](https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/default.aspx)

**Certification verified by the WCSD Human Resources Department:** [x] Yes [ ] No

**WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION**

**Course Level:** Academic

**Mark Types:** Check all that apply.

[x] F – Final Average [x] MP – Marking Period [ ] EXM – Final Exam

**GPA Type**: [ ]  GPAEL-GPA Elementary [ ]  GPAML-GPA for Middle Level [ ]  NHS-National Honor Society

[x]  UGPA-Non-Weighted Grade Point Average [ ]  GPA-Weighted Grade Point Average

**State Course Code**: 05110

To find the State Course Code, go to [State Course Code](https://nces.ed.gov/forum/sced.asp), download the Excel file for *SCED*, click on SCED 6.0 tab, and choose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

**TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

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

**Title:**  N/A

**Publisher:** N/A

**ISBN #:**  N/A

**Copyright Date:** N/A

**WCSD Board Approval Date:** 06/12/2023

**Supplemental Materials:** Smart Music (music assessment software)

**Curriculum Document**

**WCSD Board Approval:**

**Date Finalized:** 4/3/20232

**Date Approved:**  6/12/2023

**Implementation Year:** 2023-2024

**SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, and GIFTED REQUIREMENTS**

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP), Chapter 15 Section 504 Plan (504), and/or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

**SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF CONTENT, AND CONCEPTS**

**Marking Period 1**

Standards:

* 9.1.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.
* 9.1.B recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review and revise original works in the arts.
* 9.1.C Integrate and apply advanced vocabulary to the arts forms
* 9.1.G Analyze the effect of rehearsal and practice sessions
* 9.1.A.2 Elements Music – duration – intensity – pitch – timbre

Skills:

* Singing with good tone
* Singing in tune
* Good pronunciation
* Singing with appropriate dynamics
* Correct rhythmic performance
* Ability to identify ascending intervals
* Ability to sing simple melodies by sight
* Musicianship in performance

Content:

* Tone Quality
* Intonation
* Support
* Diction
* Dynamics
* Rhythm
* Interval/Ear Training
* Sight Reading
* Musicianship

**Marking Period 2**

Standards:

* 9.1.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.
* 9.1.B recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review and revise original works in the arts.
* 9.1.C Integrate and apply advanced vocabulary to the arts forms
* 9.1.G Analyze the effect of rehearsal and practice sessions
* 9.1.A.2 Elements Music – duration – intensity – pitch – timbre

Skills:

* Singing with good tone
* Singing in tune
* Good pronunciation
* Singing with appropriate dynamics
* Correct rhythmic performance
* Ability to identify ascending intervals
* Ability to sing simple melodies by sight
* Musicianship in performance

Content:

* Tone Quality
* Intonation
* Support
* Diction
* Dynamics
* Rhythm
* Interval/Ear Training
* Sight Reading
* Musicianship

**Marking Period 3**

Standards:

* 9.1.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.
* 9.1.B recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review and revise original works in the arts.
* 9.1.C Integrate and apply advanced vocabulary to the arts forms
* 9.1.G Analyze the effect of rehearsal and practice sessions
* 9.1.A.2 Elements Music – duration – intensity – pitch – timbre

Skills:

* Singing with good tone
* Singing in tune
* Good pronunciation
* Singing with appropriate dynamics
* Correct rhythmic performance
* Ability to identify ascending intervals
* Ability to sing simple melodies by sight
* Musicianship in performance

Content:

* Tone Quality
* Intonation
* Support
* Diction
* Dynamics
* Rhythm
* Interval/Ear Training
* Sight Reading
* Musicianship

**Marking Period 4**

Standards:

* 9.1.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.
* 9.1.B recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review and revise original works in the arts.
* 9.1.C Integrate and apply advanced vocabulary to the arts forms
* 9.1.G Analyze the effect of rehearsal and practice sessions
* 9.1.A.2 Elements Music – duration – intensity – pitch – timbre

Skills:

* Singing with good tone
* Singing in tune
* Good pronunciation
* Singing with appropriate dynamics
* Correct rhythmic performance
* Ability to identify ascending intervals
* Ability to sing simple melodies by sight
* Musicianship in performance

Content:

* Tone Quality
* Intonation
* Support
* Diction
* Dynamics
* Rhythm
* Interval/Ear Training
* Sight Reading
* Musicianship

**Standards/Eligible Content and Skills**

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Marking Period Taught**  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Singing with good tone | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Singing in tune | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Good pronunciation | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Singing with appropriate dynamics | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Correct rhythmic performance | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Ability to identify ascending intervals | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Ability to sing simple melodies on sight | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
| Musicianship in performance | 9.1.A9.1.B 9.1.C9.1.G | MP 1,2,3,4 |
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**ASSESSMENTS**

**PSSA Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content:** The teacher must be knowledgeable of the PDE Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content and incorporate them regularly into planned instruction.

**Formative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to conduct in-process evaluations of student learning.

**Effective formative assessments for this course include:**

**Summative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional task, lesson, and/or unit.

**Effective summative assessments for this course include:**