

Brownell Choirs 2008-2009

Course Objectives

- Develop vocal technique
- Develop musical literacy
- Sing and perform challenging literature in a variety of styles

Expectation of Students

Students in a choir class are members of a large group. Each person has a responsibility to themselves, as well as the whole group.

Students in the choir are asked to participate as follows:

- Cooperate in rehearsal with appropriate behavior and a positive attitude.
- Be prepared for class with pencil and music on a daily basis.
- Attend class regularly, and attend scheduled rehearsals and performances.
- Be prepared with any daily assignments or weekly tests, and be able to demonstrate improvement in his/her singing abilities.

Classroom Behavior

Student behavior during rehearsal is the single most important factor for the development of their individual skills as well as the development of an excellent performing group. Choir classes are often large. Each student's cooperation and respect is crucial to success.

Grading

Students will receive a grade based on an average of the following categories:

- **Effort and Attitude:** Active participation is an important factor in a student's progress. Behavior, attitude, preparedness, cooperation, and sincerity of effort are figured into this portion of the grade.
- **Homework and Tests:** Homework will be assigned and tests/quizzes will be given to assess student learning of vocal technique, music theory, music vocabulary, music history, and sight singing.
- **Rehearsal and concert Attendance:** Performance is the culmination of all our studies. It is an essential element to a complete music education. Therefore, concert attendance is a required part of all

vocal music courses at Brownell. A calendar of required activities will be issued so that conflicts can be resolved well in advance.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit can be earned by researching an agreed upon musician/composer, or writing a concert review of another choral performance.

Concert Dress

6th grade choir will wear any combination of semi-formal black, white or gray. Please, no short skirts, tennis shoes, or shorts at ANY performance.

7th grade choir will be choosing and purchasing a polo shirt to wear with black pants and black shoes.

8th grade choir will choose a long sleeved T-shirt to wear to informal rehearsals and concerts. Formal concert attire will be provided by Brownell. Girls will be responsible for their own black character shoes and spankies. Boys will be required to have black dress shoes.

Brownell Choir Performances
2008-2009

Thursday, January 15
7:00pm
Parcells Middle School

Winter Concert (all grades)

Saturday, February 28
8am-5pm

Solo & Ensemble Festival
(not required)

Thursday, March 5
time TBD

Choral Festival (7th and 8th grade
choirs only)

April 1-4

All-School Musical

April 30-May 2
Chicago

Music Festival Trip
8th grade only

Saturday, May 9
Cedar Point

Music in the Parks Festival
7th grade only

Tuesday, May 19
7:00pm
Parcells

Spring Concert (all grades)