

High School Vocal Syllabus

Viborg-Hurley HS

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Materials: Computer (provided by school), headphones, pen/pencil, notebook, folder

Music Appreciation is open to all students. A non-performance class, the purpose of this course is to increase students' musical awareness and give students the tools to actively listen to, discuss, and critique various styles of music. The first portion of the course will focus on learning the basic elements of music: Melody, Rhythm, Harmony, Form, Texture, Tempo, and Dynamics. Using appropriate music vocabulary, students will study and discuss a variety of musical genres, including Classical, Rock, Musicals, Opera and World Music. Genres could vary based on student interest.

Goals

- **To develop an overarching and unending appreciation for music of all varieties**
- **To foster a positive and team-oriented environment through cooperation and respect**
- **To develop individual knowledge of music and the methods used to create, implement, enjoy, and enhance it**

Grading Policy- Grades will be determined by the percentage of points earned divided by points possible.

- **Homework:**
 - Students will be assigned classwork regularly. This work is to be finished in class, either that same day or over the course of a few class periods. Some work will be done individually, while other work could include the use of partners or small groups.
 - Homework will be given through Google Classroom. Students will be expected to join the class in order to receive and submit work.
 - If homework is given in hardcopy form, students are responsible for the safekeeping of their paper until it is turned in.
- **Absences/Late Work**
 - If a student has an excused absence, they have two school days upon returning to school to hand in missing work.
 - If a student knows they will miss class, they are expected to hand in assignments before they leave, and also have other work completed and ready to hand in when they return to class.
 - Late work is unacceptable. If not completed, the maximum score given on late work after one day late will be 65%, if turned in two days late, the max score will be 10% combined with a detention.