



SLCA SYLLABUS 2017-2018

UPPER SCHOOL CHORUS

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission: proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description:

Students will be introduced to basic music theory, a variety of choral music, proper vocal technique, and performance opportunities. **Concerts are mandatory.** Legitimate, excused absences can be made up on a case by case basis at the director's discretion.

Course Goals:

1. Students will be able to identify and notate the pitches on a grand staff through standard musical notation.
2. Students will be able to accurately count and notate the following rhythms: whole note, dotted half note, half note, dotted quarter note, quarter note, eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and their corresponding rest values in simple and compound meters.
3. Students will be able to interpret the following musical elements in a choral setting: dynamic contrast, phrasing, tone quality, timbre, major/minor textures, form, articulation, proper vocal technique, balance and blend in a choral context.
4. Students will be able to accurately sing their assigned parts.
5. Students will be able to classify examples of music by genre or style and by historical period or culture.
6. Students will participate in multiple performance opportunities and practice proper performance etiquette, both as a performer and as an audience member.
7. Students will work cooperatively and effectively in groups through projects, performance and classroom activities.
8. Students will understand the importance of ethical responsibility in protecting creative works.

Evaluation:

Students will be graded on daily participation, in-class assignments, quizzes and projects.

Daily participation is graded on the following elements:

- Listens attentively
- Participates in classroom activities and discussions
- Respects peers, teacher and school property – this includes returning ALL music in the same condition in which it was issued. **Students will be charged to replace damaged or lost music.**
- Follows classroom expectations
- Completes classroom assignments on time.
- Displays a positive attitude and works cooperatively with others.

Required Supplies:

- *Black 1 inch binder with pockets*
- *Pencil*
- Uniform Fee: \$30 for the rental of a formal uniform.
- Chorus tee-shirt: price to be determined.

****Please remember there will be no gum, food or drink allowed in the chorus room.
Water is allowed in a bottle with a lid.***