



SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019 CHORUS – GRADES 7 AND 8

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 Overview:

1. **Sight-reading and Ear-training** – Students will begin to develop the ability to recognize intervals and sing pitches. Learning to part-sing will be included
2. **Theory** – Students will begin learning to read the music staff, rhythms, musical terms and other items related to music theory.
3. **Placement of Voice** – Students will learn the proper way to sing and project their voices in a healthy way and support their voice with proper breathing.
4. **Pronunciation** – Students will be learning to pronounce vowels and consonants as they develop the color of the choral sound.
5. **Performance** – Students will perform as a choir in order to gain confidence in their abilities to sing and to present themselves in front of an audience.

Evaluation:

Tests, Projects and Performances– 40% .Concerts and Performances fall into this category, as well as tests over repertoire. Projects (the max of 1 per semester) will fall into this category as well.

Sight-reading, Quizzes, Weekly Class Performance – 30% This grade will show how students are progressing with their singing techniques and repertoire mastery. This grade also shows how students contribute to rehearsals.

Homework/Music Notebook - 30% This grade will reflect the choir binder/notebook, where students will keep repertoire, plus theory and skills worksheets, new music terms, notes on specific music, goals for choir, etc. Binders/notebooks will be checked periodically for proper music marking and worksheet completion over the course of each term.

Performance Make-up Policy: All scheduled concert performances are required. Students who miss a performance due to illness or family emergency will complete a make-up assignment following the missed performance.

Please keep the following in mind as we explore learning together:

- Come prepared for class every day. (2 Timothy 2:21)
- Come with a coachable attitude. Be part of the team. (Philippians 2:1-2)
- Treat others, as you want to be treated. Respect others and use words that build up, rather than tear down. (Philippians 2:3-5)
- Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that encourages learning at a maximum level.
- Gum, food, and drinks other than water are prohibited in the classroom.

Required supplies every day to class:

1 or 1 1/2 inch Black binder with pockets (please do NOT get binders larger than this)
Notebook paper and tab dividers for setting up music notebook
2 sharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Additional resources:

Uniform Fee: \$30 for the rental of a formal uniform. Students will also receive a Chorus T-shirt.