

**JAZZ/SWING CHOIR**  
**GRADES 11-12**

(2 Semesters\* – Prerequisite: Audition, Teacher Approval, Concurrent Enrollment in Concert Choir)

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This class provides the student with exposure to vocal jazz and swing choir literature. It includes the study of jazz musical terms, its' sound and style through both performance and listening examples. Types of literature range from pop, pop standards, patriotic, religious, and novelty. Movement is incorporated with the performance of some of the selections to express the style/nature of the work where appropriate. This group performs at various assemblies, civic and community events as requested.

**UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:**

- UNIT I - Musical Terms Specific to the Jazz/Swing Style
- UNIT II - Jazz Related Chords, Blues Scale, Vocal Improvisation Exercises
- UNIT III - Choreography and Movement Appropriate to Musical Style
- UNIT IV - Vocal Jazz/Swing Literature

**STUDENT OUTCOMES:**

1. Students will be expected to demonstrate techniques of musically solid vocal production. (25A, 26A)
2. Students are expected to present enriching musical experiences (performances), through artistic vocal expression. (25A, 25B)
3. Students will be encouraged to strengthen their ability for self-expression and self-confidence. (25A, 25B)
4. Students will have an awareness of our musical cultural heritage. (25A, 25B)
5. Students will further develop an aesthetic awareness and sensitivity. (25A, 25B)
6. Students will be acquainted with standard choral literature. (26A, 26B)

**MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:**

1. Students participate in four concerts per year.
2. Students attend all dress rehearsals in preparation for their performances.
3. Students perform at various assemblies, civic, and community events as requested.

\*Students wishing to take Jazz/Swing Choir for only one semester must register for the class first semester.

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPAL MATERIALS USED:

Shaw. *Vocal Jazz Style*.

Vocal jazz and swing choir literature selected by instructor. Literature includes: pop, pop standards, patriotic, religious, and novelty.

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