

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Middle School Course Outline

**Course Title:** Beginning Choir/P.E. (One Year)

**Grade Level:** 6

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:**

Beginning Choir/P.E. is an introductory course in the art of choral singing. Emphasis is placed upon the fundamentals of proper posture, breath control, tone production and placement. Specific aid in the development of the changing voice is provided. For students in 6th grade, this course Beginning Choir/P.E., alternates daily with their P.E. class.

**Student Performance**

**Objectives for this**

**Course:**

Students will

1. demonstrate good vocal production by singing with correct posture, proper breath support, and a free, open tone, as determined by teacher observation.
2. show competence in reading music notation and terminology through examination.
3. develop interpersonal skills within the ensemble as observed in the classroom environment.
4. sing with correct diction as determined through singing test.
5. perform in small or large groups simple literature representative of a variety of styles and idioms, as determined by teacher observation.
6. demonstrate a rudimentary knowledge of the basic elements of music: melody, rhythm, harmony, and tone color.

## **Beginning Choir/P.E. - continued**

### **Instructional Strategies**

Demonstration  
Individualized instruction  
Performance  
Exams - oral and written  
Field trips

### **Instructional Units**

Typical class session (50 minutes) consists of:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Activities</u>
5	Warm up
5	Review
15	Introduce New Concept (new note, rhythm, etc.)
15	Guided Practice of New Concept
5	Student Performance
3	Feedback
2	Closure
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	50 Minutes Total

### **Evaluation**

Student progress will be evaluated by:

Attendance  
Class participation  
Performance  
Written and playing tests  
Home practice  
Teacher observation  
Teacher evaluation