

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Middle School Course Outline

**Course Title:** Advanced Choir (One Year)

**Grade Level:** 7, 8

**Prerequisites:** Instructor approval

**Course Description:**

The Advanced Choir is designed for the more experienced choral student. Music of a variety of styles will be rehearsed and performed with greater emphasis being placed upon sight reading and more advanced vocal technique. The choir will participate in the District Choir Festival and at least one outside Music Festival.

**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, and identifying head and chest voice to the teacher's satisfaction.
2. sing at sight a short, simple melody, as determined by teacher observation.
3. write a report about an area of music (composer, performance, historical event, etc.).
4. develop interpersonal skills within the ensemble as observed in the classroom environment.
5. perform in small or large groups moderate to difficult literature representative of a variety of styles and idioms, as determined by teacher observation.
6. sing with correct diction as determined through singing test.
7. demonstrate a good working knowledge of the basic elements of music: melody, rhythm, harmony, and tone color.
8. participate in various outside performances.

## **Advanced Choir - continued**

### **Instructional Strategies**

Demonstration  
Individualized instruction  
Performance  
Written assignments  
Exam  
Field trips

### **Instructional Units**

Typical class session consists of:

Minutes	Activities
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
50 Minutes Total	

### **Evaluation**

Student progress will be evaluated by:

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