

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle School Course Outline

Course Title: Beginning Choir (One Year)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Beginning Choir 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.

(Students in 6th grade may enroll in Beginning Choir/P.E. which 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.

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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