

COURSE TITLE: Vocal Ensemble Honors Period 4B, Panther Chamber Singers

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Moderate	60-90 minutes	District: Audition Required, grades 11-12 Department Suggestion: Audition Required

Course Description:

The Vocal Ensemble Period 4B, NPHS Panther Chamber Singers are a select, small mixed choir that learns and performs advanced to difficult level choral music of varying styles, appropriate for the group's size. This experience provides opportunity for serious music students to hone their vocal skills in preparation for more advanced singing at the college level as this is an honors class. Chamber Singers meet during period 4B rotation.

Members are chosen on the basis of their year-end assessment and audition. Members of 4B Panther Chamber Singers must display a high level of maturity and positive interactions with other students in Concert Choir. In all cases, students will only be selected from the previous year's Vocal Ensemble period one (also called Concert Choir) and Vocal Ensemble Honors Period 4A, Advanced Treble Ensemble. Seniority is an important factor for membership, as we feel qualified students should have the opportunity for this singing experience. However, the final decisions are based on the quality of the audition. This group will perform more often than the other groups. In addition to some class-time performances, there will also be performances scheduled for evenings, weekend and sometimes during school breaks.

Concurrent enrollment in Vocal Ensemble Period one (also called Concert Choir) is required.

The progression of Ensembles for NPHS choral is as follows:

Freshmen and incoming students – Concert Choir period Three (also called Black and Gold Singers)

Freshman second semester – Vocal Ensemble period one (also called NPHS Concert Choir)

Sophomores - Vocal Ensemble period one (also called NPHS Concert Choir) and Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4A (also called Advanced Treble Ensemble.)

Juniors - Vocal Ensemble period one (also called NPHS Concert Choir) and/or Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4A (also called Advanced Treble Ensemble) and/or Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4B (also called Panther Chamber Singers.)

Seniors- Vocal Ensemble period one (also called NPHS Concert Choir) and/or Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4A (also called Advanced Treble Ensemble) and/or Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4B (also called Panther Chamber Singers.)

Grading:

TBD

Syllabus:

Vocal Ensemble Honors is a one-year course designed for upper grade students demonstrating advanced technical proficiency in Choral/Vocal performance. Students will analyze, rehearse and perform grade 4-9 music, including masterworks by major classical composers in original form (scale:1-6). Course content includes critique, sight-reading, and study of music history, theory and the role of music in various cultures and in our current society. Daily home practice of performance literature is expected. Emphasis is placed on advanced study and potential career development. Course includes written and oral projects, solo, small ensemble and full ensemble performances. Audition for professional honor choir, solo vocal competition and written final exam required. Pre-Requisites: Minimum 2 years of Choral class and/or consent of instructor; audition required.

Supplemental Information:

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