

**COURSE TITLE:** Vocal Ensemble Honors Period 4A, Advanced Treble Ensemble

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Moderate	60-90 minutes	<b>District:</b> Audition Required, grades 10-12 <b>Department Suggestion:</b> Audition Required

**Course Description:**

Vocal Ensemble Honors period 4A (also called NPHS Advanced Treble Ensemble) is a select, Soprano and Alto voiced 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. This course meets during period 4A rotation.

Members are chosen on the basis of their year-end assessment and audition. Members Vocal Ensemble Honors must display a high level of maturity and positive interactions with other students in Concert Choir. In most cases, students will only be selected from the previous year's Choirs. This group will perform more often than the other groups. In addition to some class-time performances, there will also be performances scheduled for some evenings.

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 Period 4A (also called Advanced Treble Ensemble) 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 honor choir, solo vocal competition and written final exam may be required. Pre-Requisites: Minimum, Vocal Ensemble (also called Concert Choir), consent of instructor; audition required.

**Supplemental Information:**

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