

Chorus & Music Exploration



GRADING GUIDELINES

ELTS

For each grade there are 7 standards. 2 are specialized to your grade level whereas there are 5 that you will be working each year (All ELTs are posted). All standards in music and chorus will be scored 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, and 4. More specific breakdowns (rubrics) on how you will be scored on each target will be presented.

HOW

HOW grade is very important in chorus and music exploration. If you are really focusing on being prepared and engaged as well as having positive interactions you will be successful! **Prepared** for Music/Chorus means coming to class on time, with ipad, pencil and getting right to seat ready to work. Being late will equals a 2, skipping class equals a 1. **Engaged** means participating actively. If reminders are needed to do work or sing you would get a 2. If reminders don't work, you would get a 1. **Positive Interactions** in class means treating each other with kindness and respect. If students need reminders about volume, tone of voice, and kinds works, you would get a 2. If reminders don't work, you would get a 1.

OBJECTIVES

MUSIC EXPLORATION

This class is all about exploring music in a non performance based ensemble. We explore rhythm instruments such as conga, tubano and hand drums as well as woodblocks, claves, triangles, and cowbells. We spend some time playing melodic instruments such glockenspiel or keyboards. We spend time listening to and discussing all genres of music to understand the relationships between music and history/world cultures.

CHORUS

Chorus is an optional related art that students elect each fall and is a year long course. Students in chorus participate in two performance in the South Portland Auditorium each year (one with the HS chorus and one with the band). Students in chorus are learning to become independent musicians WHILE learning to be a part of an ensemble, that works as a team to create music. We sing a variety of music including pop music from movies and artists today! Our goal in chorus is to sing wonderful music, relay the message of composers and lyricists to our audience, and to have fun.

CONCERT DATES

Tuesday, January 13

MS/HS Choral rehearsal 9am-11am

Wednesday, January 14

MS/HS Choral Concert 7PM

(6PM rehearsal)

Tuesday, May 12

Memorial Band and Chorus Concert 7PM

(6PM rehearsal)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Because Mrs Swenson is at two schools the best way to contact her is via email:

Swensoja@spsdme.org Mrs Swenson's office hours are Wednesday afternoons (2:45-3:15) and Thursday mornings (7:50-8:20) but is often available on other days if you let her know!