

## Wallenpaupack Area School District

### Wallenpaupack Area Middle School

**Course Title:** 6/7/8 Chorus (elective)

**Length of Course:** Full Year 60 minute period once a week

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#### District Policies:

##### ***Academic Integrity:***

Academic integrity is essential to the success of an educational community. Students are responsible for learning and upholding professional standards of research, writing, assessment, and ethics in their areas of study. Written or other work which students submit must be the product of their own efforts and must be consistent with appropriate standards of professional ethics. Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating, plagiarism, multiple submissions and other forms of dishonest or unethical behavior, is prohibited.

##### ***Assessment:***

The goal of grading is to report student progress and achievement to the parents to strengthen the home-school connection. The grade should accurately reflect the student's performance in mastering the PA Standards and the WASD curriculum.

##### ***Attendance:***

Regular school attendance is vitally important to academic success. Not only does attendance reinforce and enrich the learning process; it also establishes patterns and attitudes that will carry forward into adult work habits. Regular, consistent attendance is a prerequisite to successful school life. Children should be absent only in cases of illness or emergency.

##### ***Special Education:***

Our commitment to each student is to ensure a free appropriate public education which begins with the general education setting, with the use of Supplementary Aids and Services. Inclusive education describes the successful education of all students with the appropriate supports and services to participate in and benefit from the general classroom settings and other educational environments.

**Course Description:** The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus provides students the opportunity to prepare and perform vocally in a winter and spring concert. It is required that each student submit a signed permission form to participate. The chorus is a full school year commitment. Schedule changes will not be honored after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pennsylvania State Standards:** All WAMS courses are aligned to the PA State Standards and Common Core Standards, where applicable.

#### Course Objectives:

##### ***Student will demonstrate the ability to:***

- sing alone and with others using appropriate tone and vocal technique.
- read and analyze music.
- discuss the relationships between music, history, and culture.
- articulate the value of diverse musical styles in their lives and others.
- perform in front of an audience.

#### Student Responsibilities:

***Attendance expectations:*** Attendance at rehearsals is essential in understanding choral concepts. Students are required to attend chorus rehearsals. Students are not allowed to miss chorus to do work for their teachers or attend other activities. Students are required to participate in both the winter and spring evening concerts.

***Homework expectations:*** none

***Make-up work:*** students who are absent from the concert are required to sing the music studied upon return and provide a letter explaining the absence.

***Late work:*** none

**Assessment:**

*Grading components:* Students are graded on classroom participation 45% and concert performance 55%.

**Content Pacing Guide:** The following pacing guide is a general guideline and the instructional content/time frame may vary.

Topic	Major Assignments	Estimated Timeframe (Classes)
Winter Concert	Prepare the winter concert music during classroom rehearsals and perform in the concert	1 semester
Spring Concert	Prepare the spring concert music during classroom rehearsals and perform in the concert	1 semester