

# *Wallenpaupack Area School District*

## **COURSE: CONCERT CHOIR**

**GRADE LEVEL:** Ninth to Twelfth Grade

**LENGTH OF COURSE:** 1 Year – 90 Days

**TEXT:**

**PUBLISHER:**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Concert Choir is an auditioned mixed voice choral group encompassing students from grades 9- 12. The choir rehearses every other day for 84 minutes. Vocal pedagogy, music reading, and correct choral singing are a part of the total experience. Students in Concert Choir will perform secular and historically sacred music from all periods of history with understanding and artistry; will develop proper vocal technique through the choral medium; will increase their musical skills in sight reading and aural awareness; will participate in choral thereby contributing to a liberal and aesthetic educational experience.

### **CURRICULUM WRITING TEAM:**

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### **DATE OF REVISION:**

2005

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**Grade Level:** 9th to 12th Grade

**Unit:**

**PA Standards:** 9.1.12.A  
9.1.12.B  
9.1.12.C  
9.1.12.D  
9.1.12.G  
9.1.12.H

<b>Topics:</b>	<b>Skills:</b>
Preparation for rehearsal	Proper posture Functional Breathing Vocal pedagogy
<b>Activities:</b>	<b>Performance Assessments:</b>
Correct posture will be demonstrated and explained Correct breathing for full support of singing tone will be demonstrated, practiced and reinforced Vocal warm-ups for proper singing and will be taught and practiced	Individual performance assessment by instructor Small and large group performance assessment by instructor

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<b>Topics:</b> Rehearsals for performance	<b>Skills:</b> Music reading skills will be demonstrated and taught Listening and aural skills will be demonstrated A cappella singing will be introduced
<b>Activities:</b> Individual rehearsals Sectional rehearsals Ensemble rehearsals Sight Singing Quartet singing	<b>Performance Assessments:</b> Director observation/analysis Peer analysis Audio tapes

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<b>Topics:</b>	<b>Skills:</b>
Performances	Reinforcement of diction, expression, rhythm, phrasing, interpretation, vocal sound, intonation
<b>Activities:</b>	<b>Performance Assessments:</b>
Concert performances Community performances Festivals Adjudications Contests Solo and small ensemble participation Field trips	Teacher and peers critique audio/video tapes Written opinions and research on music performance literature Written reflections on concert performances

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<b>Topics:</b> Preparation for rehearsal	<b>Skills:</b> Proper posture Functional breathing Pitch matching Basic music reading
<b>Activities:</b> Correct singing posture will be demonstrated and explained Correct breathing for full support of singing tone will be demonstrated and practiced Vocal warm-ups will be taught and practiced Pitch matching exercises, both individual and group will be demonstrated and practiced	<b>Performance Assessments:</b> Individual assessment by instructor Small and large group assessment by instructor

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<b>Activities:</b> Individual rehearsals Sectional rehearsals Small group rehearsals Large group rehearsals Written exercises	<b>Performance Assessments:</b> Instructor and peers critique audio and video tapes Written research and observation about the material being sung

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