# Perris Union High School District Course of Study

A. (	COURSE INFORMATION	
Course Title:  Beginning Treble Choir  New Revised  If revised previous course name if changed	Subject Area:  Social Science English Mathematics Laboratory Science World Languages Visual or Performing Arts College Prep Elective Other	Grade Level  MS HS 5 6 7 8  9 10 11
Transcript Course Code/Number:  (To be assigned by Educational Services)	Is this classified as a Career Technical Education course?  Yes No	<b>√</b> 12
Required for Graduation:  Yes No  Meets UC/CSU Requirements? Yes No Was this course previously approved by UC for PUHSD? Yes No	Single Subject - Music  To be completed by Human Reserved  Acholos Signature  Meets "Honors" Requirements?  Yes	
(Will be verified by Ed Services)  Meets "AP" Requirements?  ☐ Yes  ✓ No  Submitted by: Julia Hong Site: Paloma Valley High School Date: October 30th, 2019	Unit Value/Length of Course:  0.5 (half year or semester equivale)  1.0 (one year equivalent)  2.0 (two year equivalent)  Other:	nt)
Approvals	Name/Signature	Date
Director of Curriculum & Instruction  Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services  Governing Board		11-17-19

Prerequisite(s) (REQUIRED):	
N/A	
Corequisite(s) (REQUIRED):	
N/A	
Brief Course Description (REQUIRED):	

Beginning Treble Choir is a non-auditioned vocal ensemble comprised of singers of the upper range of voices (soprano and alto). Singers in this ensemble are dedicated to singing and studying music from a variety of time periods and cultures, training their voices in healthy singing technique, and learning and applying elements of music theory. Students will learn the fundamentals of singing in a choir, proper vocal technique and health, music theory, music history, music literacy, and performance through the study of a wide variety of choral music written for upper voices voices.

# **B. COURSE CONTENT**

#### Course Purpose (REQUIRED):

What is the purpose of this course? Please provide a brief description of the goals and expected outcomes. Note: More specificity than a simple recitation of the State Standards is needed.

The purpose of Beginning Treble Choir is to help develop the basics of choral music for new singers in an environment dedicated to the upper voice range. Singers will be able to establish the fundamentals of choral music such as proper vocal technique and health, music theory, music history, music literacy and performance etiquette.

#### **Course Outline (REQUIRED):**

Detailed description of the topics covered. All historical knowledge is expected to be empirically based, give examples. Show examples of how the text is incorporated into the topics covered.

- Unit 1: Establish Musical Literacy, Vocal Technique, and Choir Expectations
- Unit 2: Learning Concert Music (Divisi, Pitch, Rhythm, Text)
- Unit 3: Applying Connections, Expression, and Meaning to the Music
- Unit 4: History and Evolution of Vocal and Choral Music
- Unit 5: Refining and Critiquing Performances
- Unit 6: Careers in Music

## Writing Assignments (REQUIRED):

Give examples of the writing assignments and the use of critical analysis within the writing assignments.

#### **Concert Reflection**

 Students must write a paper using academic musical language in order to self-assess and assess the ensemble as a whole after a concert, noting things that went well and things that can be improved on for future performances

## **Performance Critiques**

- Students must use academic musical language in order to write and articulate a critique for a choral performance, analyzing tone, dynamics, blend, expression, and other elements of vocal music

INSTRUCTIONAL	L MATERIALS (REQUIRED)
Textbook #1 N/A	
Title:	Edition:
Author:	ISBN:
Publisher:	Publication Date:
Usage:     Primary Text     Read in entirety or near	
Textbook #2 N/A	
Title:	Edition:
Author:	ISBN:
Publisher:	Publication Date:
Usage:     Primary Text     Read in entirety or near	

# Supplemental Instructional Materials Please include online, and open source resources if any.

## **Sheet Music:**

- \$2-4 per copy of sheet music
- Approximately 4-5 pieces of sheet music per concert (8-10 per school year)
- Class set: 35-40 copies

Total: Approximately \$1,000 for sheet music per school year (Maximum of 1,600 for sheet music per school year)

Estimated costs for classroom materials and supplies (REQUIRED). Please describe in detail.

If more space is needed than what is provided, please attach backup as applicable.

Cost for class set of textbooks: \$ 0	Description of Additional Costs
Additional costs: \$2,975 (approximate)	- \$100-120 per new item of performance attire (approximately 20-30) = average of \$2,750 - \$15-20 per choir music folder (approximately 20-30) = average of \$225
Total cost per class set of instructional materials:	\$ 3,975 (approximate)

## **Key Assignments (REQUIRED):**

Please provide a detailed description of the Key Assignments including tests, and quizzes, which should incorporate not only short answers but essay questions also. How do assignments incorporate topics? Include all major assessments that students will be required to complete

# Music Theory Quizzes

- Grand staff
- Note name (pitch) recognition
- Musical notation recognition

# Sight-Reading Quizzes

- Solfege (sight-singing)
- Rhythm

### Hearings

Concert Performance

#### Performance Reflections

- Essay written after a concert describing the performance and both personal and ensemble critique

## Instructional Methods and/or Strategies (REQUIRED):

Please list specific instructional methods that will be used.

- Direct Interactive Instruction
- Collaborative Learning
- Socratic seminars
- Independent Practice
- Small Group
- Whole Group
- Performance and Critique
- Differentiation
- Problem Solving

#### Assessment Methods and/or Tools (REQUIRED):

Please list different methods of assessments that will be used.

#### **Informal Assessment:**

- Daily rehearsals
- Performances

# Formal Assessment:

- Written theory quizzes
- Sight-reading quizzes for solfege and rhythm
- Hearings (individual/small group singing tests on concert material)
- Performance reflection

50.13.7	COURSE PACING GUIDE AND OBJI	ECTIVES (REQUIR	RED)	11 8 21
Day(s)	Objective	Standard(s)	Chapter(s)	Reference
Semester 1 Grading Period 1 Week #1-6	Unit 1: Establish Musical Literacy, Vocal Technique, and Choir Expectations Students will learn classroom procedures and expectations/consequences of being a member of the choral program. They will learn, practice, and be assessed on basic music literacy skills, such as reading note names, identifying elements of the grand staff, and recognizing rhythmic and musical notations. Students will also begin singing every day, learning proper vocal technique and elements of singing in an ensemble.	Anchor Standard: 1, 3.2		
Semester 1 Grading Period 2 Week #7-12	Unit 2: Learning Concert Music (Divisi, Pitch, Rhythm, Text) Students will begin learning their Winter concert music (3 pieces for just their ensemble, plus 1 or 2 pieces for the whole choral program), focusing on divisi, pitch, rhythm and text of each section and the ensemble as a whole.	Anchor Standard: 1, 3.2, 4.2		
Semester 1 Grading Period 3 Week #13-18	Unit 3: Applying Connections, Expression, and Meaning to the Music Students will apply cultural/historical/personal connections to the music in order to add expression and meaning to their performance at the end of the semester.	Anchor Standard: 1, 2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5, 6, 7.1, 10, 11		
Semester 2 Grading Period 1 Week #1-6	Unit 4: History and Evolution of Vocal and Choral Music Students will learn about and research the history of vocal and choral music in order to get	Anchor Standard: 4.2, 4.3, 7.1, 7.2, 8, 9, 10		

	a better understanding of the artform and the pieces they perform.		
Semester 2 Grading Period 2 Week #7-12	Unit 5: Refining and Critiquing Performances Students will learn their Spring semester music (3 pieces for just their ensemble, plus 1 or 2 pieces for the whole choral program), applying the musical literacy skills they learned in the last semester. Students will refine their performance by self-assessing and incorporating musical expression. Students will also self-critique and critique their ensemble as a whole using academic musical language in preparation for the concert and/or any competitions or festivals the group may be attending.	Anchor Standard: 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5, 6, 7.1, 7.2, 8, 9, 10	
Semester 2 Grading Period 3 Week #13-18	Unit 6: Careers in Music Students will brainstorm and research different career paths in music and understand the education/post-secondary paths people must take in order to obtain those careers.	Anchor Standard: 10, 11	

C. HONORS COURSES ONLY	
Indicate how much this honors course is different from the standard course.	

Context for course (optional)	
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History of Course Development (o)	otional)