Perris Union High School District Course of Study

A. (COURSE INFORMATION	
Course Title: Bass 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	✓ 12
Required for Graduation: Yes No Meets UC/CSU Requirements? Yes No No Was this course previously approved by UC for	Credential Required to teach this course: Single Subject - Music To be completed by Human Resources only. Signature Date	
PUHSD? ☐ Yes ✓ No (Will be verified by Ed Services)	Meets "Honors" Requirements? ☐ Yes ✓ No	
Meets "AP" Requirements? ☐ Yes ✓ No	Unit Value/Length of Course: 0.5 (half year or semester equivalent) 1.0 (one year equivalent) 2.0 (two year equivalent)	ent)
Submitted by: Julia Hong Site: Paloma Valley High School Date: October 30th, 2019	Other:	
Approvals	Name/Signature	Date
Director of Curriculum & Instruction Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services	The state of the s	11-17-19
Governing Board		

Prerequisite(s) (REQUIRED):
N/A
Corequisite(s) (REQUIRED):
N/A
Brief Course Description (REQUIRED):
Bass Choir is a non-auditioned vocal ensemble comprised of singers of the lower range of voices (tenor and bass). Singers in this course 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 lower voices. Emphasis is placed on the practice of vocal technique as it applies to the changing voice.

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.

Bass Choir is a necessary course in a growing and thriving choral program. In order for the program to flourish, singers in the lower range (tenors and basses) need an individualized course that teaches them the fundamentals of proper vocal technique and health, music theory, music literacy, and performance. Emphasis is placed on the practice of vocal technique as it applies to the changing voice.

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 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 - Class set: 35-40 copies Total: Approximately \$1,000 for sheet music per school year (8 - Class set)		
Estimated costs for classroom materials and supplies (REQ If more space is needed than what is provided, please attach ba		

Cost for class set of textbooks: \$ 0 Additional costs: \$2,975 (approximate)	Description of Additional Costs - \$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

COURSE PACING GUIDE AND OBJECTIVES (REQUIRED)				
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 a better understanding of the artform and the pieces they perform.	Anchor Standard: 4.2, 4.3, 7.1, 7.2, 8, 9, 10		

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.

	D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Context for course (optiona	I)
History of Course Develops	nent (optional)