

5th Grade Choir Syllabus

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Course Description

Students will explore a variety of styles of music including but not limited to traditional, world, popular, jazz, musical theater, american spirituals, and american folk music while learning correct vocal technique, music literacy skills, and performance skills. Students will also learn how to work together as a team, what it means to be a part of a group, and the importance of working together towards a common goal.

Educational Philosophy

I believe that music is a part of every student and that every student has the ability to perform music. All students have the right to be a member of a performing ensemble and the ability to be a contributing member of a performing ensemble. My main priorities are to expose students to a variety of music, instill a belief in each child that they have value and are a contributing member of the group, instill an appreciation for music, help each child grow in their musical skills, and to provide each student with successful performing experiences that they can take pride in.

Course Requirements

- Try your best
- Participate and sing during rehearsals
- Participate in Lineville Choir Concerts

Concert Philosophy & Expectations

Concerts and performances are a critical part of the learning experience in a performance based class. I encourage all parents and students to view concerts as a required part of the choral experience at Lineville. Concerts are an opportunity for your student to 'show off' and celebrate everything they have learned. Concerts also give parents, family, and the community a chance to see what amazing things today's youth are capable of.

From an educational perspective concerts also serve as a learning opportunity for students. It is their chance to apply everything that they have learned over the course of the quarter or semester. It is also the only opportunity they have to practice their performance skills. Concerts will serve as a formal assessment of performance skills. This experience is very difficult to replicate outside of a concert experience. Students who miss a concert, regardless of the reason for the absence, will be expected to complete a make-up activity. Students will be given all the time they need during class to complete the activity.

Expectations

- Students are encouraged to attend concerts
- If a child is unable to attend a concert it is the parents responsibility to contact me via email, phone, or note.
- Students will wear their Lineville Choir T-shirts to concerts. Students may wear what they want with the choir shirts. I ask that you please avoid athletic pants, athletic shorts, joggers, athletic leggings, sweatpants, etc. Jeans, tennies, khaki shorts, cargo shorts, jean shorts, dress shorts, nice leggings, skirts, and dress pants are all great choices to wear to concerts.

Concert Dates

Below are the concert dates for the 2023-2024 school year. Please put these dates on your calendar. Concerts usually last approximately 20 minutes unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, January 11: Winter Concert @ Bay Port PAC, 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 9: District Choir Concert @ Bay Port Field House, 7pm

- **Students arrive @ 5:45**
- **This concert will be 45-60 minutes**

Tuesday, May 7: Spring Concert @ Bay Port PAC, 5:30pm

If your child is unable to attend a concert please use the Concert Absence Form to communicate with me. Please note, completing this form does not excuse your child from a concert. All concerts double as assessments. Regardless of the reason for the absence all students will need to complete a make-up assessment. You can find the form on my website. The URL is <https://linevillechoir.weebly.com/concert-absence-form>

Communication

I value open communication between parent, child, and teacher. Throughout the course of the year I will communicate via email, Schoology, newsletters, my website, and Twitter. I encourage parents to contact me with any questions or concerns via phone or email.

Please bookmark my website <https://linevillechoir.weebly.com> I strive to post up-to-date and relevant information. Everything a parent needs to know (and more) can be found on my website. I also ask that you please read any emails that I send out. I realize some of the emails may get long around concert time, but my goal is to provide each family with the information they need to successfully prepare and get their child to each concert. For some families this may be more information than they feel is necessary, but for other families all of the details are critical. It is not my intent to burden you with unnecessary information, but rather to make sure that each family feels as informed as possible.

Choir T-shirts

Each child is expected to purchase a choir t-shirt as it is our uniform for concerts. T-shirts will be available for order on the LIneville website. Children do not need to order a t-shirt if they already have a choir shirt from a sibling.

If you need financial assistance with purchasing a t-shirt please contact me. I can assist with helping to secure a t-shirt for your child.

All orders must be placed by September 22. Shirts cost \$10.00 (\$12.00 for adult XXL).

IMPORTANT REMINDER - these shirts are custom made. I will not place an order for the shirts until each family has placed their order. Most likely the shirts will be arriving in November. Once the shirts are in I will hand them out to the students during class. I will also send an email home letting you know to watch for the shirts.