



# Chorus

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# Overview

Chorus utilizes a Standards-Based Curriculum which focuses on the following nine standards.

- Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music
- Performing alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music
- Reading and notating music
- Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments
- Composing and arranging music
- Listening to, analyzing and describing music
- Evaluating music and music performances
- Understanding relationships between music and other disciplines
- Understanding music in relation to history and culture

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The following topics will be covered as our skills develop throughout the year:

- sight-reading, notating music
- music theory
- music history
- proper breath support
- appropriate posture for singing
- diction, singing in head voice with appropriate tone
- Performing
- Students will experience music of all genres and many different cultures

[The full Chorus Syllabus can be found here.](#)

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# MUSICON

Thank you to everyone who helped raise donations for the Chorus Department this year.

The MUSICON party is tomorrow night!

Please make sure to pick your child up by 7pm.

Students are not allowed to walk or ride their bikes home alone.

Students must have the [Blanket Permission Slip](#) on file to attend the party.

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# Chorus Calendar

## Required Chorus Events

Thursday	10/5/2023	Chorus Fall Concert
Thursday	12/7/2023	Chorus Winter Concert
Thursday	1/11/2024	GMEA pre-Conference Concert – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade only
Thursday	1/25/2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade GMEA In-Service Convention Performance
Tuesday	2/13/2024	LGPE – during the school day
Thursday	5/9/2024	Chorus Spring Concert

The full Chorus Calendar including enrichment activities can be found on  
[www.northwesternmusic.org](http://www.northwesternmusic.org)

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# Permission Slip

Please complete the **Blanket Permission Slip** for local field trip and events for this school year. This form does not require your child to attend every trip. It simply cuts down on paperwork for individual trips and keeps all information in one place.

Out of town or overnight field trips will require additional paperwork.

Information for each trip or event will be sent home via hard copy with the student, email from the teacher and available on the website for every trip.

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# Uniforms

We have 2 uniforms for chorus. Students need BOTH.

**Formal Uniform:** Blue polo with black SLACKS and completely black shoes. This is worn for most major performances. The polo is worn tucked in. Leggings and jeans are not to be worn with the formal uniform.

**Informal Uniform:** Blue music t-shirt – worn for field trips, outdoor concerts and other informal events. Director will specify if blue jeans should be worn as part of a concert uniform or if shorts or other bottoms may be worn in a field trip setting.

Uniform shirts can be purchased on [here on OSP](#). Pants and shoes must be purchased on your own.

Size Charts and full information are on the chorus handouts page of the website.

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# Carowinds 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

All students in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra are invited to travel to Charlotte, NC to perform in the Carowinds Music Festival and enjoy the Amusement Park.

The dates for this trip are April 26 and 27, 2024. The cost will be in the ballpark of \$300-350. More information will be published as soon as it's available.

We need lots of chaperones for this trip. Please email Ms. Grant if you would like to go with us!

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# Disney 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

All students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra are invited to travel with us to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The dates for this trip are March 7-11, 2024. The cost for students will be in the ballpark of \$1000-1100. This will include all but one meal (fast food on the way home), 4 nights lodging (4 students per room), bus transportation, Disney Imagination Campus recording workshop and 3 days park admissions. More information will be published as soon as it's available.

We do need chaperones for this trip. Chaperone cost is \$700 which includes everything students get plus a private room. Please email Ms. Grant if you would like to go with us!

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only

## GMEA In-Service Conference Performance

As most of you know, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus has been invited to perform for the Georgia Music Educators' Association In-Service Conference in Athens, GA. This is the primary professional development opportunity for music educators in the state of Georgia. As part of the conference, choirs from around the state are invited by audition to perform. This year only 2 middle school choirs were chosen to be part of the concert series for the convention. Northwestern opens the concert series on January 25, 2024, at 7pm. This concert is not open to the public, only official chaperones and conference attendees will be admitted. We will have a send-off concert on January 11, 2024, at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church at 7pm for parents and the community.

We are looking for sponsors for this trip to help defray the cost of this amazing experience. The cost for transportation, meals, program printing and paying our musicians totals a little over 10K. Eighth grade is an expensive year and I feel strongly that students should be able to attend this trip at no additional cost to their families. If you or someone you know owns a business that would like to sponsor a portion of our trip please email Ms. Grant with their contact information. We are happy to advertise our sponsors in the program which will be seen by all the Choral Directors in Georgia. Advanced Merch, who designed, prints and embroiders our t-shirts and polos has already signed on as a sponsor! We just need a few more sponsors to cover the entire cost.

If you are willing to chaperone this trip, please email Ms. Grant. We need 6-10 adults, but we'll take as many as we can fit on the bus

More information about the trip will be forthcoming. Our tentative schedule is below:

10am – leave NMS for Athens  
12pm – lunch at rehearsal site  
1pm – rehearsal  
2:15pm – School of Music Tour  
4pm – Dinner in UGA Dining Hall  
6:30pm – Warm-up for concert  
7pm – Concert  
7:45pm – leave for NMS  
9:30pm – Arrive at NMS

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# Enrichment

We offer many opportunities for students who would like extra study in music. Information for each event is linked below. Please be mindful of deadlines as they cannot be extended.

[All-State Chorus](#) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders only

[District Honor Chorus](#)

[6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus](#)

[MHS 8th Grade Night](#)

[Tenor-Bass Chorus Day](#)

Open practice for All-State and Honor Choirs is every morning in the chorus room from 8:05-8:55am.

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# Thank You!

Thank you for coming to curriculum night and for partnering with me in your child's music education.

If you need anything, please feel free to email.

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