

WESTVIEW CHOIR

Name of Course: Beginning Choir 1-2
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course teaches proper vocal production and music reading skills. It is an opportunity to develop rhythmic counting and sight singing skills and to broaden the musical experience through rehearsal and performance. Music theory and vocal technique are explored. This is a performance class and students will participate in all concerts and festivals. The class may be made up of women, men or mixed voices. No prior experience necessary.

This course is offered during the fall term. Beginning Choir meets the PUSD "Fine Arts" graduation requirement & UC/CSU "F" requirement.

PHOTO GALLERY



Beginning Choir 2014
Fall Cabaret: A Masquerade



Beginning Choir 2012

WESTVIEW CHOIR'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Westview Choral Department is devoted to honoring the pursuit of excellence in music education through:

- intensive daily attention on proper choral technique
- cultivating a true understanding of fundamental musicianship skills
- providing positive, varied and challenging musical experiences in class, on stage and during field trips
- the development of essential life skills like dedication, discipline, leadership, self-confidence, creativity and teamwork

WORKLOAD EXPECTATIONS

Active participation in class rehearsals is expected; this is where the majority of our learning occurs. Students are expected to practice their music daily as homework. Students might expect homework once a week (i.e. practice logs, lyric analysis, composer research, etc.). There are mandatory after school rehearsals prior to concerts. Performances, festivals and field trips may occur after school, weekends, and during school. Events are scheduled and published in advance. To view our current schedule, go to www.westviewchoir.com.

FAVORITE CHOIR HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 Fall Cabaret Performances, 2 Winter Concerts, 1 Festival Concert, 2 Spring Pops Concerts at Westview
- A **free** field trip to see the opera, *Pagliacci*, at the San Diego Opera
- Singing the National Anthem at PETCO Park before a Padres Game
- Honor choir experiences, solo and small ensemble opportunities and choral festivals

- A large variety of repertoire including spirituals, jazz, pop with choreography, musical theater, classical, and barbershop, a capella and more

IDEAL STUDENT BACKGROUND

Beginning Choir is for any student who loves music, has a willingness to learn and who wants to improve his/her singing voice. **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** Beginning Choir is a great introductory course for those interested in auditioning for Classical Vocal Ensemble (Bella Voce).

COURSE STATISTICS & DATA

Year	Quarter	Class Size	# of Students 80% or higher	# of Failing Students	Ave Grade % (Grade)	Ave. Grade % without Failing Students
2013-2014	1	38	100%	0	3.87	3.87
2013-2014	2	32	96.88%	0	3.87	3.87
2014-2015	1	36	100%	0	3.76	3.76
2014-2015	2	36	97.22%	0	3.75	3.75

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

I have never been so engaged in a class. Highly recommended. You'll make plenty of memories. *(Kevin Elliott, Class of 2016)*

Choir is a fun class. If you are struggling with a large amount of homework or classes, choir is a perfect way to balance out your schedule. You don't have to be a good singer. *(Marisa Montesi, Class of 2017)*

Beginning Choir is a great class. We learn to sing and read music. We all form family-like bonds and have a blast with our teacher. *(Kimberly Hernandez, Class of 2018)*