

Chorus I, II and Select

1 credit / Year, odd days

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Prerequisites: none

General course description and justification:

Chorus I is an entry level music course. Students will learn proper singing technique, multi part singing, basic music theory and sight reading. Students in this course will develop performance and recording skills and will be given opportunities to perform in public.

Chorus II and Select Chorus are a continuation of Chorus I. Students will continue to learn proper singing technique, multi part singing, music theory and sight reading. Students will further develop their performance and recording skills and will be given opportunities to perform in public.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Learn to rehearse efficiently.
2. Learn to comprehend instructions through reading, listening and watching.
3. Write answers in complete sentences.
4. Be able to sing ones part correctly using proper breathing and vocal technique.
5. Be able to read music at a functional level.
6. Participate in at least one performance per semester. This year’s mandatory performances are our Christmas Concert scheduled on Thursday, Dec 12, 2013 and our Spring Concert scheduled on Thursday, April 10, 2014.
7. Participate in the Nā Mele o Maui Song Competition including after school rehearsals.

Grading:

Grading will be determined on a point basis. Points will be awarded for the following categories:

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| 1. Daily participation: | 5 points |
| 2. Class work/homework | 10-20 points |
| 3. Quizzes: | 10-25 points |
| 4. Written exams: | 50-100 points |
| 5. Performances: | 50-100 points |
| 6. Extra credit: | 1-5 points |

Grades will be awarded according to the percentage of points earned of the total points possible. Percentages **will not be rounded up** to the nearest whole number (89.9 is a B+).

93% and above:	A	73%-76.9%:	C
90%-92.9%:	A-	70%-72.9%:	C-
87%-89.9%:	B+	67%-69.9%:	D+
83%-86.9%:	B	63%-66.9%:	D
80%-82.9%:	B-	60%-62.9%:	D-
77%-79.9%:	C+	59.9% and below:	F

Attendance, participation, and work make-up policy:

All students should be in their seats before the appropriate time. Any student who enters the classroom after the appropriate time will be considered tardy. If the student does not have a legitimate note or tardy slip, the tardy will be considered unexcused. Four tardies will be reported for detention.

Absences due to legitimate reasons (illness, funerals, school related activities etc.) will be excused; however students are responsible for making up any assignments or exams. **Students will be responsible for arranging and completing all make up work within one week of the excused absence for full credit. The assignment score will be reduced by 5 points per day after the deadline.**

Expected classroom behaviors:

1. Gum, candy, food and beverages are prohibited in class. Please kōkua.
2. The use of profanity and vulgar language is prohibited in class. Please help to keep our classroom atmosphere clean.
3. There should be no irrelevant talking during instruction.
4. Students are expected to remain in their assigned seats at all times unless otherwise advised by their instructor.
5. The walkway area is off limits during class time. Students are encouraged to use the bathrooms before class time. (But if you must go please ask in 'ōlelo Hawai'i)
6. There should be no personal grooming or make-up during class time.
7. Students should address the instructor as Kumu Nitta or Mr. Nitta (Not just "Mr.").
8. Students should come to class prepared with a pen and sharpened pencil.
9. Cell phones, computers and other electronic devices should not be used without permission from the instructor.

Pono Points:

Students will receive 10 pono points each quarter and will maintain those points except for the following reasons:

Disregard for school or classroom rules and or misbehavior will result in a 1 point deduction per incident of pono points. Unexcused tardies will result in a 1 point deduction in pono points.

Print Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date