

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Music Syllabus  
North St. Paul – Maplewood – Oakdale School District 622  
John Glenn Middle School

Full Year Course

Standards met: Minnesota Academic Standards in 6th grade Vocal Music.

Curriculum: Vocal Music Essential Outcomes

1. Students will understand how to read and follow a vocal music score.
2. Students will learn the importance of balance, blend and intonation in a large choral ensemble.
3. Students will demonstrate a basic knowledge of correct posture and proper breathing techniques for singing.
4. Students will understand the major scale incorporating solfege (do, re, mi, etc.).
5. Students will recognize and sing solfege intervals and rhythmic patterns in a group.
6. Students will sing a variety of rhythms within a vocal music score.
7. Students will learn and perform different styles of music including: spirituals, folk songs, multi-cultural, foreign language, classical, and secular music.
8. Students will recognize and perform a variety of musical signs, symbols, and other standard music notation.
9. Students will perform 2-part music by reading a vocal music score.

Course Outline: Topics covered will be directly related to the music being rehearsed in class.

Course Requirements: Lesson schedules and performance exams will be published each trimester. Make-up work (lessons or vocal/written exams) must be completed prior to the end of the trimester.

Grading Procedures: The choir grade will be determined by a student's performance during rehearsals, at lessons and on assigned vocal exams.

**Rehearsal Evaluation (40%)** includes:

Student strives to develop good posture, breathing technique, positive attitude, correct rhythm, dynamics, entrances, and listening skills in rehearsals and performances.

**Lesson Evaluation (30%)** includes:

Shows a good work ethic, attends scheduled lessons, makes up missed lessons as needed.

**Vocal Assignments (30%)**:

Correct performance of assigned exercises including: tone, intonation, technique, rhythm, entrances, dynamics, and tempo, and posture. Students may take as many attempts as they wish on assigned music each quarter and will receive their best score. Group lessons will take place approximately every 2-3 weeks.

Text and other Resource Material: Sing at First Sight, 150 Rounds for Singing and Teaching, and appropriate grade-level music will be used for rehearsal and performance purposes.

**2007-08 Choir Concerts – all are held at North High**

**There will be two large group concerts and one solo/ensemble concert\* held during the year. Dates are as follows:**

<b>December 6</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir and Band Concert</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Solo and Ensemble Concert</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Solo and Ensemble Concert</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir and Band Concert</b>

\*The solo/ensemble concerts are a time for interested band and choir students to try a different musical experience. Soloists and groups audition for spots on either of the two nights. The evening is set up more like a recital. So please mark it on your calendar and encourage your child to try out.

I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year. Thank you so much for supporting music at John Glenn Middle School!

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