



SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Choirs

## Chorus Registration Guide

Spartanburg High School

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Chorus is taught year round. Students are highly encouraged to take two semesters of chorus each year, as our curriculum and events follow an academic year-long calendar. Students in the 9th grade should register for Chorus 1 AND Chorus 2. If a student chooses to only take one semester of choir, Chorus 1 is only offered Fall semester.

### Semester 1

Chorus 1 - 1 unit

*Bel Canto and Viking Voices*

### Semester 2

Chorus 2 - 1 unit

*Bel Canto and Viking Voices*

Chorus 1 and Chorus 2 are the PowerSchool sections for the Bel Canto and Viking Voices ensembles. These ensembles meet at the same time during the day and are co-taught by Mrs. Colón and Ms. Cotran. Bel Canto is the treble voice ensemble and Viking Voices is the Tenor/Bass ensemble. Both ensembles rehearse separately and also together, allowing for specific vocal instruction addressing the needs of our diverse singing voices.

## Registration for Chorus Students Also in Band or Orchestra

We celebrate that our students have a variety of musical talents and interests. We work to ensure that our musicians have the opportunity to continue to enhance their musical skills on voice as well as their instrument. If your students is also in Orchestra or Band, they should sign up for Chorus 1. Your students band or orchestra teacher will provide guidance on which ensemble and course they should register for to continue with their instrument.

### Here is how it works:

In place of taking Chorus 1 and Chorus 2 as block classes in both semesters, the fine arts department aligns our ensemble levels across disciplines to meet during the same block time. This allows these students to take a "skinny" of chorus AND a skinny or band/orchestra during the 90-minute block. These students will receive one unit of credit for chorus and one unit for band/orchestra during one year. These students will have 45 minutes of instruction per course all year long, similar to the amount of instructional time in their middle school classes. This allows students the ability to continue instruction in both areas in just one block of time, freeing up the remaining three blocks per semester for other courses and interests. Students are permitted to take both blocks of chorus and band/orchestra if they wish, but the skinny a great way to do it all.

If you have questions, please reach out do not hesitate to ask.

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