

Spartanburg High School – Curriculum Guide

MUSIC

Instructions for Selecting Music Courses

1. Students interested in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus may enroll in these courses for four years. If possible, students should remain in these courses for both semesters during each year
2. Students enrolled in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus are expected to furnish their own concert outfits or rent a “concert uniform” from the school for a set fee which might change from year-to-year. (Chorus will rent from school, \$10 per year)
3. Students enrolled in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will be REQUIRED to attend concerts and corresponding rehearsals.

CHOIR

VIKING VOICES/BEL CANTO CHOIR – ENTRY LEVEL (3541,3542, 3543, 3544)

Chorus 1 – 354181CW - ONLY OFFERED 1ST SEMESTER

Chorus 2 – 354231CW

Chorus 3 – 354300CW

Chorus 4 – 354400CW

This is the foundation level chorus at Spartanburg High School. All ninth-grade choir students and any student new to the Spartanburg High School chorus program, regardless of grade level, will begin in this course. Students will start with Chorus 1 and will take Chorus 2, 3 or 4 in subsequent semesters.

Chorus 1 is only offered 1st Semester. If there is a scheduling conflict, new students will need to wait until the following Fall.

Students will learn the fundamentals of choral singing including music theory, instruction on vocal development and choral pedagogy, choral singing techniques, and ear training. This ensemble learns music on the difficulty of Grade I and II. As part of the training, students will perform several concerts throughout the year. Students also have additional musical opportunities and the ability to participate in field trips.

1 Unit Grade: 9-12 NEW TO PROGRAM

Prerequisite: selection by audition; a year of choir in middle or high school is preferred.

CHORISTERS/ HONORS - TREBLE CHOIR – (HW3542,HW3543, HW3544,HW3545,HW3546)

Honors Chorus 2 – 354200HW

Honors Chorus 3 – 354300HW

Honors Chorus 4 – 354400HW

Honors Chorus 5 - 354500HW

Honors Chorus 6 - 354600HW

This is the honors level choir for female voices. Participation in auditions and concerts out of the regular school day is required. Honors chorus students are required to participate in winter and spring concerts and SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment. Honors students are strongly encouraged to audition for the SCMEA All-State Choir. Students must demonstrate a high level of sight-singing and vocal ability in their respective grades to place into this ensemble; they must be musically independent. This Honors ensemble learns music at a difficulty of grade III and IV. This course will build on the foundations of music theory introduced in the Bel Canto and Viking Voices Choirs (Chorus 1,2,3,4). Students will receive instruction on female vocal development, choral pedagogy, choral singing techniques and ear training.

1 Unit Grade: 10-12

Prerequisite: 1-4 semesters of Bel Canto Choir (Chorus 1-2-3-4) and Teacher Recommendation

CHORALE/HONORS – MIXED CHOIR (HW3543, HW3544, HW3545, HW3546, HW3547, HW3548)

Honors Chorus 3 – 354300HW
Honors Chorus 4 – 354400HW
Honors Chorus 5 – 354500HW
Honors Chorus 6 – 354600HW
Honors Chorus 7 – 354700HW
Honors Chorus 8 – 354800HW

This is an honors level mixed voice ensemble of upper-classmen who demonstrate the highest level of sight-singing and vocal ability in their respective grades. Participation in auditions and concerts out of the regular school day is required. Honors chorus students are required to participate in winter and spring concerts and SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment. Honors students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Spartanburg Philharmonic Holiday Chorus. Students in this ensemble are HIGHLY encouraged to audition for the SCMEA All-State Choir. Students will receive more advanced instruction on vocal development, choral pedagogy, choral singing techniques, and ear training. The ensemble works on Grade IV, V, and VI music.

1 Unit Grade: 10-12

Prerequisite: Audition required. Men must have completed at least three semesters of Chorus 1,2,3,4 and have a teacher recommendation. Women must have had at least three semesters of Chorus 1,2,3,4 or Honors Chorus 2,3,4,5 and a teacher recommendation.

HONORS CORPORATION – Skinny YL (35A1, 35A2, 35A3) (CHORUS 9-10)

Honors Chorus 9 – 35A100HW - period 8
Honors Chorus 10 – 35A200HW - period 8

This is Spartanburg High School's premiere show choir. Students who are selected for the Corporation must also be in Chorale, Honors Chorus 3,4,5,6,7,8. To receive honors credit, students must perform within the Spartanburg community, including D7 elementary schools, community events, etc. These students will learn to sing in the popular and jazz genres, Grade difficulty of III, IV, V and VI. In addition to performing at all SHS Choir Concerts, the Corporation will perform in the community, at D7 elementary schools and put on a major Spring show. Auditions for the Corporation will take place in May of the preceding school year.

1 Unit Grade: 11-12

Prerequisite: Selection by audition. Must also be in Chorale - Honors Chorus (block 1). Must have completed 4 semesters of Chorus 1,2,3,4 or Honors Chorus 2,3,4,5,6,7,8 prior to enrollment.