

Choir Syllabus

Spring 2016

Indiana State Music Standards:

Standard 1 Singing alone and with others.

Students will sing a variety of repertoire expressively with attention to breath control, pitch, tone quality, diction, and posture. They will sing partner songs, rounds, and two-part songs, and follow the directions of a conductor.

Standard 5 Reading, notating, and interpreting music.

Students will read and perform music in specified meters and keys from a score. They will work on sight reading and learning and applying musical terms and symbols.

Standard 6 Listening to, analyzing, and describing music

Students will recognize, identify, and describe musical elements, styles, and representative works from various periods and cultures.

Standard 7 Evaluating music and music performances

Students will define characteristics of effective musical works and identify them in classroom music. They will apply performance criteria when listening to or performing music and demonstrate appropriate performance behavior.

Standard 8 Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts

Students will discover interdisciplinary connections in specific music examples and activities. They will recognize how music activities connect to life skills such as cooperation, effort, perseverance, and respect.

Standard 9 Understanding music in relation to history and culture

Students will experience music of a variety of styles and genres associated with the United States and its history. They will recognize roles of American musicians.

Method:

Students will study and perform 4 musical pieces as taken from Indiana's elite *Circle the State with Song* 2016 choir ensemble. They will learn to follow melody, recognize and perform various rhythms, harmonize, and evaluate their own performances. We will also study the background and cultural significance of the various songs. Songs will be performed at the Treasure Seekers' Open House at the end of the semester, and possibly a nursing home.

The songs will be 4 of the following (depending on size of choir):

The Raggedy Man

Lachend

America the Beautiful

Friendship

'Cross the Wide Missouri

Amazing Grace

Cost: \$10