

A Class Act Syllabus

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“A Class Act” (ACA) is one of four auditioned choirs at Westlake High School and is our community service ensemble. This group has 12 members who perform a wide range of literature. Members selected are among the top performers in the department. Their selection is based on their ability to blend within their section, being an advanced musician, and demonstrating an exemplarily work ethic. A Class Act participates in many performances outside of the department’s regular concert schedule. They are a service group to our local community and perform at many private gatherings and parties. Once again this year ACA will perform in their own concert in January. This is one of those concerts you do NOT want to miss. This course fulfills the “f” requirement for the UC System.

Goals:

- Continue to work on good vocal intonation
- Study intermediate music theory and sight singing
- Improve skills of good vocal production
- Improve rhythmic articulation
- Expand knowledge of history through music
- Expand knowledge of choral genres
- Continue to develop an appreciation for choral singing
- Continue to develop a critical ear

Materials Used:

- Daily sight-singing and theory activities
- Choral music repertoire

Method of Student Evaluation:

<u>Performances</u>	50%
<u>Rehearsal Engagement</u>	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be engaged at all levels during a rehearsal - this means no cell phones unless requested by teacher for instructional purposes.• Have a pencil and your music at each rehearsal.• Focus physical energy on the correct application of proper singing technique. Demonstrate respect for the rehearsal facilities and equipment.• Leave food, soda, gum, and candy out of the rehearsal room. (Water is fine)	
<u>Knowledge of Part</u>	15%

- Students are expected to know the sections of the literature from the previous rehearsals
- Assistance is available for part learning
- Individual Part Quizzes

Other Rehearsals and Assignments

10%

- To keep the caliber of excellence A Class Act will have many outside of the classroom rehearsals. These are required and will be graded.

Final Exam

5%