

Westlake Singers

Syllabus

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Course Description:

Westlake Singers (WS) is one of four auditioned ensembles at Westlake High School which meet during the normal school day. Westlake Singers are mostly comprised of sophomores and juniors. Most members have had at least one year of choir in the Westlake High School Choir Department and have proven to have the desire to grow and develop as a choral musicians. This group is designed to meet the needs of the singer who is serious about performing, and wants to work towards membership in Women's Chorale, Vocal Ensemble, and A Class Act. This ensemble performs a wide variety of choral literature selected to develop their voices as well as challenge their musical abilities. Genres include classical, jazz, pop, and show choir. Members must be truly committed to acting and performing at a professional level.

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>Concert Performances</u> See Handbook for Policies and Dates	50%
<u>Rehearsal Engagement</u>	30%

- 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.
- Be ready to sing when the bell rings
- Leave food, soda, gum, and candy out of the rehearsal room. (Water is fine)

Assignments

15%

- Students are expected to know the sections of the literature from the previous rehearsals
- Sectional Rehearsals
- Various written assignments
- Individual Sight Singing Quizzes

Final Exam

5%