



Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School Intermediate Choir & Composition/Tech Class



Welcome to Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School. My name is Scott Wheeler, the choir director & drama teacher at Kinard. This handout/syllabus will help you understand what will be happening in the Intermediate music class at Kinard and should provide you with helpful information for the school year. swheeler@psdschools.org 488-5488

Dates to Remember

The choir will be performing during the first semester only. The date we have scheduled is:

December 16th, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School

May 16th, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Fort Collins Lincoln Center

Composition & Technology

Beginning 2nd semester, the choir will have the option of either performing a second concert in May or start beginning music composition & songwriting.

We may begin looking at vocal music in a different way. Rather than singing as a choir, we would begin to look at more modern music (rock, pop, R&B, rap, hip hop, etc). Students would learn about poetics, music composition, digital recording, and music technology. They're still singing, but as soloists rather than choristers.

We will be working on both composition/song writing as well as music technology. There are some free music tools available for your computer at home so kids can work on their projects as homework. These are trusted sites and completely free (or for a small fee) applications, should you wish to download them on your home computer.

Grades & Assignments

1) Rehearsal & Performance Assessments:

Students will earn a series of performance grades based on their work during class, participation in class performance, and demonstration of the knowledge/skills being learned.

2) Concerts & Performances:

A concert is the 'final' for the class, so there is a grade associated with participation in the concert, including listening to other performing groups.

3) Homework & Home Performance:

Students will learn how to use their laptops as a tool for rehearsing, recording, and uploading their singing. We use Google Classroom as a platform for home-to-school learning

4) Quizzes & Music Assessments:

Written assessments are administered to get a feel for your child's knowledge in music theory and music history aligned to the Core Knowledge Sequence

5) Late Work

Obviously, we expect all homework to be turned in on time. If you anticipate turning in an assignment late, PLEASE let me know so we can make arrangements

Concert Attire

All Beginning and Intermediate music students at Kinard wear the same style uniform:

Kinard Music Long Sleeve
Black from the Waist - Down

The order form for the Kinard Music Polo is attached to this letter. We use the same uniform for all 6th & 7th grade ensembles at Kinard, so siblings can use the same outfit from other years/ensembles. Thanks to the Kinard Contribution Drive, the costs of the Kinard Music Shirt is covered. Simply let us know your size on the order form.

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