



Content Area: Music

Grade Level: 5

Course Name: Chorus 5

Course Description:

Chorus 5 is a course for all 5th grade students in elementary school. In spring of 4th grade, all students will have been introduced to singing as a choral group through general music classes and will have performed as a 4th grade Chorus in June.

5th grade Chorus meets once in each six-day rotation for the full year, during the school day. 5th grade Band, Chorus, and Orchestra perform in two school concerts per year and may have other performance opportunities in school.

Skills	Description
Vocal Skills	In 5th grade Chorus, students develop skills in vocal health and production. They gain personal skills in composure and presence, and learn to use their voice comfortably as a form of self-expression. Students sing in unison and in simple harmonies through partner songs and rounds, with some two-part singing. They gain basic skills in breath support, diction, and singing posture.
Ensemble Skills	Students in 5th grade Chorus will be in their first full year of experience singing within a large ensemble. They will continue to develop skills in listening, entrances and releases, balance, blend, intonation, expression, pulse, phrasing, and independence. Their use of musical vocabulary will continue to grow. Students will be introduced to or further develop skills in sight reading music,

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	deciphering notes as they relate to each other within the context of a Major scale as informed by Kodaly and Curwen methodologies (i.e., Do-Re-Mi). A foundational understanding of compositional form and devices will be explored. Students will sing selections from a varied repertoire.

NYS Standard	Links
NYS Standards for the Arts, Traditional and Emerging Ensembles Strand	http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/nys-music-at-a-glance-final-8.2.2017-high-res-v2.pdf