

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### MHS Concert Choir

This advanced chorus provides students with instruction in the development of technical skills in the choral setting. Preparation of varied choral and solo literature including baroque, classical, jazz, and Broadway as well as other contemporary literature is approached in a professional manner. This is the premier-performing chorus that serves as ambassadors for the Miramar High School and the community of Miramar. Additional rehearsals may be included beyond school hours.

***Prerequisite(s):*** Instructor's approval only.

### Women's Ensemble

This course is for young women who want to further their studies in vocal literature. This is a performing ensemble of varied treble chorus music. The study of the vocal folds in the female voice in a smaller classroom setting is given. Sight-reading is also emphasized in this prerequisite course to the MHS Concert Choir. Additional rehearsals may be included beyond school hours.

***Prerequisite(s):*** Middle school teacher or instructor's approval.

### Men's Ensemble

This course is for young men to study the singing voice as it relates to the male vocal folds. The Men's Ensemble is a performing chorus and studies the fundamentals of music as well as vocal production. Sight-reading is also emphasized in this prerequisite course to the MHS Concert Choir. Additional rehearsals may be included beyond school hours.

***Prerequisite(s):*** Middle school teacher or instructor's approval.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## CHORUS DUES

All students in choral organizations must pay chorus dues. The following is the 2004-2005 Chorus dues chart:

### **\$70 – New Concert Choir Members**

*Banquet, Transportation, Polo, T-Shirt, Uniform Rental/Cleaning*

### **\$50 – Returning Concert Choir Members**

*Banquet, Transportation, T-Shirt, Uniform Rental/Cleaning*

### **\$60 – New Men's/Women's Ensemble**

*Banquet, Transportation, Polo, T-Shirt*

### **\$40 – Returning Men's/Women's Ensemble**

*Banquet, Transportation, T-Shirt*

Dues do not cover the cost for out-of-town field trips BUT these trips will use fundraised money to help defray the cost.

**%50 must be paid by 8/31/04 while %100 must be paid by 9/27/04** unless prior consultation has been made with the chorus director. Miramar High School policy indicates that personal checks will not be accepted so please make cash or money order payments (addressed to Miramar High School Chorus) for ALL monetary transactions and be sure to obtain a receipt from the director upon exchange of all funds.

***\*\*\*At no time will any student be deprived of participation, uniforms, or materials because of lack of funds. Please contact the director immediately if problems may arise.\*\*\****

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Punctual attendance at ALL chorus rehearsals and events is required.

- A. Absences are excused when the student or parent informs the director (2) weeks in advance by phone, e-mail, or in person AND followed this with a written excuse (if not by e-mail).
- B. Also, a family death or dire emergency preventing the student from attending is an excusable absence. This too must be followed with a written excuse.
- C. Work is not an excused absence. Work schedule should be made around chorus schedule unless performances not listed in the calendar of events come up.
- D. Failure to attend a rehearsal or performance will result in removal from the next performance.