
A&M CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL ENSEMBLE

HONORS CREDIT

To earn Honors Music credit a student will be required to do independent work with the help and guidance of the director. The work required is above and beyond the regular class work.

ENTRY CRITERIA: The student must

1. Be in the 11th or 12th grade and enrolled in the third or fourth year of a choir course.
2. Have demonstrated above average ability as a vocal musician in 9th & 10th grade.
3. Have the approval of the director.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1st Six Weeks: **Due: September 20, 2021**

- Watch 3 performances of A Cappella Groups online (minimum: 30 min) from ICCA or ICHSA competitions in the past and submit a written review for each performance on Schoology. The review should be written not only as an overall critique of the performance but also include an in-depth analysis of one group's set. The in-depth analysis includes discussion of the musical elements, style, beatboxing, choice of solo, overall theme, mood, etc. Use the Vocal Varsity Rubric to guide your analysis, if needed.

2nd Six Weeks: **Due: November 1, 2021**

- Create an ICHSA set including songs (arrangements must be shared via youtube link or sheet music preview), theme, mood, costuming, soloists based on current A-Side members, how your set is unique, choreography elements, and any other elements that make a good set. Information must be presented in a powerpoint presentation / google slides.

3rd Six Weeks: **Due: December 13, 2021**

- Use an Acappella App to record yourself singing the verse and chorus of a song. You should include at least 2 harmonies to your melody that are either arranged by another (found it online) or created by you.

4th Six Weeks: **Due: February 17, 2022**

- Watch music videos of 5 professional A Cappella Groups (if you do not know if they are professional groups you must ask). Submit a written review for each video on Schoology. The review should be written not only as an overall critique of the performance but also include an in-depth analysis of one group's song. The in-depth analysis includes musical elements, style, beatboxing, choice of solo, overall theme, mood, etc.

5th Six Weeks: **Due: April 11, 2022**

- Create a music video (verse and chorus only) of a song you sing. You may have others on your music video (following all CDC guidelines at the time). You must have a clear vision and direction that comes through in your choice of staging, lighting, outfits, choreography, videography, video editing, and song choice. Each student must turn in their own video (even if they perform in another person's video.).

6th Six Weeks: **Due: May 16, 2022**

- Use an Acappella App to record yourself singing the verse and chorus of a song. Recruit friends to sing harmonies for your melody. This can be an arrangement created by another (found online) or a created by you. Each student must turn in their own video and their own melody even if they sing on another person's video. If no one is willing to sing on your video or you prefer to work alone, you may create your own harmonies to your melody.

GRADES:

Since the honor's credit is worth 10 points to your grade, the completion of your work each 6 weeks will become part of your 6 wks grade. Failure to complete your assignments will negatively impact your six weeks grade. No late work will be accepted.

Students who are interested in Choir Honors should sign and return this contract to Mrs. Ramos by September 3, 2021. This form will then be turned into the Counseling Office for schedule change.

I understand that the above requirements must be met in order to receive Honors Credit for A&M Consolidated High School Choir at the Junior and Senior levels.

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____ Current Grade: ____11th ____12th

Previous Choir Classes: _____

Current Choir Class: _____

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____

Parent Signature _____ *Date* _____

Director Signature _____ *Date* _____

This paper copy form may be signed and returned or
you can sign it & scan it or take a photo and send it to Mrs. Ramos:

eramos@csisd.org

Forms must be received by Sept. 3, 2021