

The Apex High School Choral Department
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Apex High School is on block schedule. Chorus is still a year long course and is taken as a year long course by 98% of the choral students. Instead of a child receiving four credits of Chorus upon graduation, they will receive eight. This can and does work with room for extra academic courses, AP courses and extra electives. If there is an extreme circumstance and a student can only take one semester of Chorus, then they will register for fall only. I do not start over in the spring with material. We build from the fall. Below is a list of courses offered and example schedules to show you how this works. We have between 130-180 students in the choral program each year. If you have any questions about the program or scheduling throughout the summer, please call or email me. I will be glad to answer any questions or meet with you.

Concert Chorus- Fall (Boys)

Concert Chorus- Spring (Boys)

This course is offered to any **male** student **9th-12th** grade. In the fall, they will review basic beginner skills and move into intermediate level material. They will learn about the foundations of singing and how they can improve their instruments. They will study a variety of music, sacred and secular, classical to pop. They will also study sight singing, theory and music history. All of the material learned in the spring is on the advanced level. Students will perform four to eight times a year. Uniforms are \$120 and are mandatory. Fund raising opportunities are available in the fall. Students are expected to fund raise \$90 for the program. Students are also encouraged to fundraise the money for their tux. Students are required to participate in festivals in and out of state. Boys are eligible for Honors credit Junior year by an audition process.

Choral Ensemble- Fall (Girls)

Choral Ensemble- Spring (Girls)

This course is offered to beginning and intermediate level **female** singers, **9th-12th** grade. They will study a variety of music, sacred and secular, classical to pop. Students will also learn basic vocal techniques, basic theory and sight reading skills. Students will perform four to five times a year. Dresses are \$55 and are mandatory. Students are also expected to fund raise \$90 for the program. Students are also encouraged to fund raise the money for their dress. Fund raising opportunities are available in the fall.

Special Choral Ensemble Honors- Fall (Girls)

Special Choral Ensemble Honors- Spring (Girls)

This course is offered to the advanced **female** singer in the **10th-12th** grade. Students are selected through an **audition** and selection process. Students will study vocal skills, music theory, sight singing, and music history on the advanced and college levels. Dresses are \$55 and are mandatory. Students are also expected to fund raise \$90 for the program. Students are also encouraged to fundraise the money for their dresses. Fund raising opportunities are available in the fall. Students are required to participate in festivals in and out of state.

We have many traditions in our Choral Department. Below is a list of those.

Fall

Fall Concert
Tri-High Choral Festival
Winter Concerts
NC Honors Chorus
All-County Chorus

Spring

School-Wide Musical
Adjudication Festival
Middle School Concerts
Spring Trip
All-State Chorus
Spring Concert
Evening of Entertainment
Spring Banquet

Archives

Spring Festivals/Competitions: 1st place Awards and/or Superior ratings in Norfolk VA, Atlanta GA, Williamsburg VA, Nassau Bahamas Carnival Cruise, Orlando FL, Heritage Festivals of Gold in Chicago

Invitational Concerts: Carnegie Hall NY, St. John the Divine NY, Italy, Switzerland, Biltmore House Christmas Candlelight Tour, NC Music Educators Conference, Disney Candlelight Processional at Disney's Epcot Center

District Festival: Consistent Superior Ratings and in Sight Singing.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" 01

Each spring, our Fine Arts Department presents a musical. Here is a list of past shows: 1940' Radio Hour, Music Man, Grease, Into the Woods, Footloose, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Oklahoma, and Jesus Christ Super Star.

College/University Prep

9th Grade

1 English 9	5 Healthful Liv.
2 Algebra I	6 Math Part II or elective
3 Env/Earth Science	7 Chorus
4 World History	8 Chorus

10th Grade

1 English 10	5 Chorus
2 Geometry	6 Chorus
3 Biology	7 Elective
4 Civics/Economics	8 Elective

11th Grade

1 AP or H English 11	5 AP and/or H US Hist
2 Algebra II	part II or Language I
3 A Physical Science AP or H	6 Chorus
4 AP and/or H US Hist	7 Chorus
	8 Elective or Language I

12th Grade

1 AP or H English 12	5 Language II or III
2 Advanced level Math	6 Language III
3 AP or H elective	or an elective
4 Language I or II	7 Chorus
	8 Chorus

- You only need 2 languages to graduate on this track, but 3 look good for college
- If there is a schedule conflict where you do not have time for something fun, like chorus, you can move things around. An example is moving your physical science to senior year in order to take US Hist all year. Then you still get chorus all year, and start your languages, maybe even add drama or guitar. This does not work for English and you must stay in order.
- **For scheduling problems or questions in general, please call or email Mrs. Copley. She will help.**

College Tech Prep

9th Grade

1 English 9	5 Healthful Living
2 Algebra I	6 Algebra I Part II or
3 Env/Earth Science	elective
4 World History	7 Chorus
	8 Chorus

10th Grade

1 English 10	5 Chorus
2 Geometry	6 Chorus
3 Biology	7 elective
4 Civics and Economics	8 elective

11th Grade

1 English 11	5 Chorus
2 Algebra II or Tech Math	6 Chorus
3 A Physical Science	7 elective
4 US History	8 elective

12th Grade

1 English 12	5 elective
2 elective or math	6 elective
3 Chorus	7 elective
4 Chorus	8 elective

- Languages are not required but 2 are highly recommended.
- 4 electives must be in the same pathway. Ex: Chorus for 4 semesters.

Career Prep

9th Grade

1 English 9	5 Healthful Living
2 Algebra I	6 Chorus
3 Env/Earth Science	7 Chorus
4 World History	8 elective

10th Grade

1 English 10	5 Chorus
2 Math	6 Chorus
3 Biology	7 elective
4 Civics and Economics	8 elective

11th Grade

1 English 11	5 Chorus
2 Math	6 Chorus
3 A Physical Science	7 elective
4 US History	8 elective

12th Grade

1 English 12	5 elective
2 Chorus	6 elective
3 Chorus	7 elective
4 elective	8 elective

- 4 electives must be in the same pathway. Ex: Chorus for 4 semesters.
- You also need to include some vocational courses as your elective choices.

Upcoming events... Adjudication festival at Meredith College March 3, Once Upon a Mattress Apex High Auditorium March 3, 5-7 for tickets go to apexdrama.org , Spring Concert April 17 Cary High Auditorium 7:00 tickets call 387-3016, An Evening of Disney Hope Community Church May 11 7:00 call 387-3016 for tickets, Kennedy Center Washington DC Memorial Day