



# Chandler Unified School District

CHR720A Advanced Choir  
SY 2023-24



## Course Overview

### Course Description

This choir is open to students with previous choral experience at the junior high level. Various choral literature will be studied using three and 4-part harmony. Placement in the Advanced Choir will be determined by audition. This choir will perform in the community and at various festivals. Attendance at all scheduled performances is mandatory.

### AP/IB/Dual Enrollment

No

### Prerequisite/Fee(s)

None

### Course Materials

Students are given folders to organize their music and handouts in class. Individual copies of music will be provided. Students are responsible to keep music in good condition, keep it in the classroom, and return it after performances.

For informal performances, students will be purchasing a choir T-shirt. For formal performances, students will be asked to wear White dress shirt, black skirt (Knee length or below), or black pants, and black closed-toe flat shoes.

### Adopted Resource(s)

Teacher Provided

*\*An asterisk will indicate a resource containing sexually explicit materials per legislative definitions. CUSD has determined that all resources listed above are of exceptional educational value.*

## Site and Faculty Information

### School name and address:

Santan Junior High School, 1550 E Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler, AZ 85249

### Building principal:

Maryann Rezzonico

rezzonico.maryann@cusd80.com

### Teacher:

Howard McPhail BMus Ed, MMus Perf

mcphail.howard@cusd80.com

**Office hours:** Tuesday 4:00 - 4:30pm (By appt)

## Course Access

This course is taught in-person at Santan Junior High School. Students will have access to the curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Google Classroom is the primary location for students to access material when absent from classes taught in person.

## Help

### Academic Support

- Contact the teacher to schedule an appointment during office hours

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- [Ed Tech](#) support for students, parents/guardians, and community link ([cusd80.com/Page/45109](https://cusd80.com/Page/45109))

### **Mental Health Support**

- CUSD mental health support [cusd80.com/Domain/10528](https://cusd80.com/Domain/10528) or 480-573-8808 (talk or text)
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 9-8-8 hotline
- 24-hour Crisis Line Talk: 602-222-9444, Text: 741-741

## **Student Conduct, Success, and Responsibilities**

### **Student Handbook**

Students must follow the policies and procedures established in the Student Handbook. Copies of the handbook can be found at [cusd80.com/handbooks](https://cusd80.com/handbooks). Printed copies will be provided upon request.

### **Student Responsibilities**

The success of the Santan choir program depends on accepting the expectations explained in the handbook. I understand and will complete my commitment to my choir class by attending rehearsals and performances.

Each class will develop clear rules for behavior to have meaningful learning every day. Rewards for following these rules, and consequences for breaking them will also be listed. For example: Best times to socialize with friends in class, or how many students for restroom breaks (in school).

### **Late work**

Out of courtesy to our families participating, please communicate as early as possible any concerns or conflicts with a particular date. Please email no later than 2 weeks before a concert to coordinate makeup assignments for students who arrange to do so. Not participating or communicating will result in a failing grade for the concert.

Students will have 1 school day for each absence to make up missing work, unless otherwise arranged.

\*\*\* All missing assignments are marked as "M" in Infinite Campus, resulting in a zero until turned in, which may result in a reduced grade for the completed assignment.

## **Assessments and Assignments**

Students will complete assessments during each unit of study to assess their understanding. Students will complete the CUSD Common Final at the end of the first and second semesters. The Common Final will count for 20% of the student's final semester grade in grades 9-12 and 10% in grades 7-8 (some exceptions may apply at the Junior High level). Common finals will be in ELA, Math, Science, Social Science, and World Language.

Final exams will be given during the CUSD Jr High/High School Early Dismissal days in December and May, as identified on the [District Calendar](#).

If students are requested to participate in a survey, the survey questions will be provided to parents/guardians seven days before student contact.

## **Grading**

### **Grade Percentage**

A	B	C	D	F
90% - 100%	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 69%	<60%

### **Quarter grades**

Performances are an important part of the learning process for musicians and are graded events. Weekly assessment include class participation, application of music theory, completion of vocal part checks (singing correct pitches as part of a small group), and Memorization checks.

Although it is rare that homework is assigned, permission slips and assignments with due dates are considered homework.

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At the end of 2nd and 4th Quarters a final is given to all students in every graded class.

**Semester grades**

Semester grades are calculated using 45/45/10: Each quarter accounts for 45% of the semester grade and the final exam accounts for the remaining 10%.

**Units of study**

**Units for CHR720A Advanced Choir**

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## Parent/Guardian

### Acknowledgment

Parents/Guardians should indicate if they "Acknowledge" or have a "Potential Conflict" with their student's participation in the following units by checking the appropriate box for each unit of study listed. Students cannot opt out of a standards-based unit. Marking "Potential Conflict" will prompt the teacher to make contact regarding assignment alternatives.

Unit of study	Acknowledge	Potential Conflict
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**By signing and returning this form**, the parent/guardian acknowledges they have reviewed the resources and units of the study included in the syllabus.

- As the parent/guardian, I understand that I may contact the teacher if I have questions about the resources, content, or units of study.
- As the parent/guardian, I understand I can check my student's grades in Infinite Campus anytime during the school year.

Student name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this page to your student's teacher.***