

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON**  
**FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN**  
**Performance Standard A: SINGING**  
**6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir**  
*Content Standard*

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will sing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Standards</b> By the end of grade 8, the students will:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skills and Concepts</b> The students will:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examples</b></p>
<p><b>A.6-8.5</b> Sing accurately and with good breath control throughout their singing ranges, alone and in small and large ensembles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and perform proper vocal posture</li> <li>• Develop breath support and an awareness of the diaphragm as it relates to vocal production.</li> </ul>	<p>Stand tall with arms to your side. Shoulders relaxed and sternum raised. Feet shoulder width apart.</p> 
<p><b>A.6-8.6</b> Sing expressively and with technical accuracy a varied repertoire of vocal literature, with a level of difficulty of three on a scale of one to six,* including some songs performed from memory.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize musicality: diction, phrasing, dynamics, pitch, and articulation</li> <li>• Study Rhythm:</li> <li>• Study Solfege Intervals: Major and Minor Scales, So-Mi, So-Mi-La, So-Mi-Do, So-La,</li> </ul>	<p>Diction: Understand the difference between vowel placement, hard consonant, soft consonant  Dynamics: Piano, Forte, mezzo piano, etc.</p>
<p><b>A.6-8.7</b> Sing music written in two, three, and four parts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study balance</li> <li>• Recognize individuals melody or harmony</li> <li>• Study blend</li> <li>• Sing dependant and independent two and three part music</li> </ul>	<p>Record the choir and have them analyze the balance. Ex: Are the sopranos overpowering the altos? Ask questions such as: Who has melody at measure 44?</p>
<p><b>A.6-8.8</b> Sing music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the music.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study language/interpretation and history of culture</li> <li>• Study diction</li> <li>• Understand the purpose and importance of movement in relation to the culture</li> </ul>	<p>Use IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet)  *see IPA manual  Locate the country or region on the world map  Play an example</p>

**Performance Standard B: INSTRUMENTAL**  
**6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir**  
*Content Standard*

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will play, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

<p align="center"><b>Standards</b></p> <p>By the end of grade 8, the students will:</p>	<p align="center"><b>Skills and Concepts</b></p> <p>The students will:</p>	<p align="center"><b>Examples</b></p>
<p><b>B.6-8.5</b> Play accurately and independently on a classroom instrument, alone and in small and large ensembles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of proper technique when using instruments.</li> </ul>	<p>Using claves hold one cupped on top of your knuckles while holding the other firmly in hand while striking.</p>
<p><b>B.6-8.6</b> Play music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the music</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and perform the following dynamics (<i>pianissimo</i>, <i>piano</i>, <i>mezzopiano</i>, <i>mezzoforte</i>, <i>forte</i>, <i>fortissimo</i>, <i>crescendo</i>, <i>decrescendo</i>, and <i>sforzando</i>).</li> <li>• Recognize and perform the following time signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, Alle Breve (2/2), 6/8, 3/8, 9/8, 12/8.</li> <li>• Recognize and perform using the correct style for the genre.</li> </ul>	<p>When using African drums as accompaniment, students use proper palm technique while playing. Open palm and using the heel of the palm to strike the drum head.</p>
<p><b>B.6-8.7</b> Play accompaniments on an instrument.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize the melody.</li> <li>• Recognize proper playing technique.</li> <li>• Recognize and perform the steady beat.</li> <li>• Recognize and perform the steady beat.</li> <li>• Utilizing students studying instrumental music</li> </ul>	<p><i>San sa kroma</i> – traditional African folk song. Shakere, claves, djembe.</p>

## Music Creativity C: IMPROVISATION

### 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

*Content Standard*

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will improvise music

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Skills and Concepts</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<p>By the end of grade 8, the students will:</p> <p><b>C.6-8.4</b> Improvise harmonic accompaniments.</p>	<p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and perform a steady beat.</li> <li>• Recognize time signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, etc.</li> <li>• Aural recognition.</li> </ul>	<p>Student feels strong and weak beats within a measure. In 4/4, the strong pulse is on beat 1 followed by beat 3, than 4, than 2. Using a western methodology.</p> <p>By feeling correct pulse students incorporate their own rhythms.</p>
<p><b>C.6-8.5</b> Improvise simple rhythmic variations and simple melodic embellishments on given pentatonic melodies and melodies in major keys.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear training</li> <li>• Major/minor scale recognition</li> </ul>	<p>Blues scale Scatting gospel</p>
<p><b>C.6-8.6</b> Improvise short melodies, unaccompanied and over given rhythmic accompaniments, each in a consistent style, meter, and tonality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize aural recognition</li> </ul>	<p>Students study on sol-mi-la, mix these pitches to create their own melodies with a rhythmic accompaniment. Students would perform the melody.</p>

## Music Creativity D: COMPOSITION

### 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

#### Content Standard

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will compose and arrange music

<b>Standards</b> By the end of grade 8, the students will:	<b>Skills and Concepts</b> The students will:	<b>Examples</b>
<b>D.6-8.4</b> Compose short pieces within specified guidelines, demonstrating the use of the elements of music.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear training</li> <li>• Recognize solfege</li> <li>• Recognize harmony, melody, rhythm, timbre, and musical growth</li> <li>• Recognize vocal tessitura</li> </ul>	Students study on sol-mi-la, mix these pitches to create their own melodies with a rhythmic accompaniment. Students notate using staff.
<b>D.6-8.5</b> Arrange simple pieces for voices and instruments other than those for which the pieces were written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear training</li> <li>• Recognize solfege</li> <li>• Recognize harmony, melody, rhythm, timbre, and musical growth</li> <li>• Recognize vocal tessitura</li> </ul>	Use a familiar warm-up or melody as the base for a SAB arrangement.
<b>D. 6-8.6</b> Use traditional or nontraditional notation to represent compositions or arrangements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow predetermined guidelines and preset techniques to compose pieces of music.</li> </ul>	Perform music utilizing MIDI lab and software
<b>D. 6-8.7</b> Use a variety of sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize computer software to compose, edit, print, and perform music.</li> </ul>	Perform music utilizing MIDI lab and software:  Finale, Garage Band

# Music Literacy E: READING and NOTATING

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

### Content Standard

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will read and notate music

Standards By the end of grade 8, the students will:	Skills and Concepts The students will:	Examples
<p><b>E.6-8.5</b> Read notation sufficiently to perform simple melodies or rhythms accurately after practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform selections involving whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, 8th notes, dotted 8<sup>th</sup> notes, corresponding rests, and 16<sup>th</sup> notes, 8<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> note combinations, 8<sup>th</sup> note triplets, quarter note triplets, and ties.</li> <li>• Use solfege to read melodies.</li> </ul>	<p>Selected concert and performance materials used in class or as extra curricular materials</p>
<p><b>E. 6-8.6</b> Use a system (syllables, numbers, or letters) to sight-read melodies in both the treble and bass clefs, accurately and expressively, with a level of difficulty of two on a scale of one to six.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform selections using solfege notation</li> <li>• Sight read, with rhythmic and pitch accuracy, grade level appropriate material</li> </ul>	<p>Take a difficult phrase from a song the students are studying as the warm-up. Write the phrase on the board and have the students sing the example using solfege.</p> <p>Utilize a sightreading manual that is aligned between middle school and high school.</p>
<p><b>E.6-8.7</b> Identify and define standard notation symbols for pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, articulation, and expression.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and perform the following terms and symbols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pitch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Treble Clef • Bass Clef •Ledger Line</li> <li>•Music Alphabet (A-G) •Flat (b) •Sharp (#)</li> <li>•Natural • Intervals</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Articulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Accent •Slur ••Staccato •Legato •Marcato •Ledger line</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Rhythm and Tempo</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Whole •half •quarter •eighth notes</li> <li>•dotted 8<sup>th</sup> notes •and corresponding rests •16<sup>th</sup> notes • 8<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> note combinations</li> <li>•8<sup>th</sup> note triplets •quarter note triplets, 16<sup>th</sup> note triplets (percussion only) •Ties •Fermata •Largo •Allegretto</li> <li>•Andante •Moderato •Allegro •Presto •Vivace</li> <li>•Accelerando •Ritardando •Rallentando</li> <li>•a tempo</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Dynamics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•pianissimo •piano •mezzopiano •mezzoforte •forte</li> <li>•fortissimo •sfzorzando •crescendo •decrecendo</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Other Standard Notation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures •Bar Lines •Double Bar Lines •Breath Mark •Repeat Sign •1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ending ••D.C. al Fine/Coda •D.S. al Fine/Coda</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>E.6-8.8</b> Use Standard notation to record musical ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notate music accurately when implementing Standard D (composition)</li></ul>	Self Explanatory
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## Music Response F: ANALYSIS

### 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

#### Content Standard

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will analyze and describe music

<b>Standards</b> By the end of grade 8, the students will:	<b>Skills and Concepts</b> The students will:	<b>Examples</b>
<b>F.6-8.4</b> Identify and discuss commonly used musical forms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and or describe musical events and their function to the piece of music.</li><li>• AB (Binary), ABA (ternary), rondo, theme and variations, and fugue.</li></ul>	Analyze three contrasting choral Examples. Ask students to identify the musical Form.
<b>F.6-8.5</b> Listen to and describe specific music events in a given example, using appropriate terminology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and or describe musical events and their function to the piece of music</li></ul>	Dynamics, tempo, key signature, form, phrasing.
<b>F.6-8.6</b> Analyze and describe uses of the elements of music in a given work that make it unique, interesting, and expressive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate knowledge of musical elements and concepts through verbal feedback.</li><li>• Recognizes elements within music of diverse genres and cultures. Including elements heard in folk, popular, and non-Western music.</li></ul>	Transitional materials are utilized to change style, key etc...

# Music Response G: EVALUATION

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

### Content Standard

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will evaluate music and music performances.

<b>Standards</b> By the end of grade 8, the students will:	<b>Skills and Concepts</b> The students will:	<b>Examples</b>
<p><b>G.6-8.3</b> apply and refine specific criteria for making informed, critical evaluations of the quality and effectiveness of performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations and apply the criteria in their participation in music.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize the WSMA performance evaluation form as a guideline, criteria for evaluating performance of self, others, and recordings.</li> <li>• Demonstrate, through discussion and written work as they develop criteria, an understanding of music.</li> <li>• Demonstrate constructive measures when evaluating performance of self, others, and recordings.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><small>QuickTime™ and a None decompressor are needed to see this picture.</small></p>
<p><b>G.6-8.3.1</b> Evaluate a performance, composition, arrangement, or improvisation by comparing it to similar or exemplary models.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate, through a comparison with exemplary models (recordings and/or instructor modeling), ensemble and individual performance using: written critique, class discussion, observation, modeling, and constructive criticism.</li> </ul>	<p>Use journaling to evaluate a performance</p>

# Music Connections H: THE ARTS

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

### Content Standard

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will relate music to the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.

Standards By the end of grade 8, the students will:	Skills and Concepts The students will:	Examples
<p><b>H.6-8.4</b> Compare how the characteristic materials of two or more arts can be used to transform similar events, scenes, emotions, or ideas into works of art</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe characteristics through use of varied languages, art, and other media.</li> <li>• Knowledge of non-traditional languages (i.e. French, german, Italian)</li> <li>• IPA</li> </ul>	 <p>Impressionism art and music Debussy: <i>Prelude to an Afternoon of a Faun</i></p>
<p><b>H6-8.5</b> Describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other school disciplines interrelate with those of music.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in middle school interdisciplinary unit.</li> <li>• Historical knowledge of composers, styles, rhythms</li> <li>• Knowledge of scientific pedagogy.</li> </ul>	 <p>All aspects of producing a musical theatre performance from stage to pit orchestra to lighting</p>
<p><b>H.6-8.6</b> Compare the terminology and contrasting definitions of various elements in each of two or more arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding historical correlation between the arts and choral music.</li> </ul>	<p>Handel's "<i>Messiah</i>": any art work that is related to the life of Christ.</p>

# Music Connections I: HISTORY AND CULTURE

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

### *Content Standard*

Students attending Fort Atkinson Middle School will relate music to history and culture.

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Skills and Concepts</b>	<b>Examples</b>
By the end of grade 8, the students will:	The students will:	
<b>I.6-8.4</b> Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss, as performance literature dictates, style characteristics of specific cultures and periods.</li> <li>• Demonstrate understanding of the musical characteristics from historical periods.</li> </ul>	Identify and explain styles and periods such as classical, romantic, impressionism, pop, jazz and sub captions
<b>I.6-8.5</b> Compare and classify exemplary musical works by genre, style, historical period, composer, and title.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding genre, style, historical significance, composers and titles of songs.</li> </ul>	Establish a concert program that includes music from each style period (i.e. renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic, contemporary, folk, pop styles).
<b>I.6-8.6</b> Compare, in several cultures of the world, the functions music serves, roles of musicians, and conditions under which music is typically created and performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of musicians and their roles through written and verbal feedback.</li> </ul>	Music as a vocation: performer, producer, technician, sales, technology etc...

# School District of Fort Atkinson: Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

## Unit- 6th grade: Vocal Music

Mastery Concept: Chorus	Time Frame	Essential Understandings The students should know through choral literature:	Process Skills The students should be able to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Basic</li> </ul>	<p>1st Semester</p> <p>Winter Concert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sound-dropped jaw promoting open sound, posture, aware of breathing process.</li> <li>◆ Harmony-introduction to 2-part singing</li> <li>◆ Melody-recognizing melodic line</li> <li>◆ Rhythm-performing selections involving whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, 8<sup>th</sup> notes, corresponding rests. Simple and double meters.</li> <li>◆ Growth-recognize basic score notation (<i>p</i>, <i>mp</i>, <i>mf</i>, <i>f</i>, <i>ff</i>, repeats, codas, crescendo, decrescendo, ritard)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate good posture</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate dropped jaw (yawn space)</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate awareness of the choral breathing process</li> <li>◆ Singing 2-part choral music.</li> <li>◆ Perform individually or in small groups, rhythms as listed.</li> <li>◆ Perform 2-part choral music with basic score notations as listed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Advanced</li> </ul>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</p> <p>Festival of Choirs</p> <p>Spring Concert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sound-developing full tone with correct vowel placement, further developing breathing process, intonation</li> <li>◆ Harmony-mastery of 2-part singing</li> <li>◆ Further growth and understanding of simple rhythms</li> <li>◆ Growth-Further recognition of score notation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate correct singing technique appropriate to individual</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate mastery of 2-part singing by performing as an individual or ensemble</li> <li>◆ Perform with a steady beat</li> <li>◆ Read, sing, clap, and notate whole, half, quarter, eighth, dotted notes and corresponding rests</li> </ul>

# School District of Fort Atkinson: Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

## Unit- 7th grade: Vocal Music

Mastery Concept: Chorus	Time Frame	Essential Understandings The students should know through choral literature:	Process Skills The students should be able to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Basic</li> </ul>	<p>1st Semester</p> <p>Fall Concert</p> <p>Winter Concert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sound-dropped jaw promoting open sound, correct vowel placement, posture, aware of breathing process</li> <li>◆ Harmony-introduction to 3-part singing</li> <li>◆ Melody-recognizing melodic line</li> <li>◆ Note names-treble and bass clef</li> <li>◆ Rhythm-performing selections involving whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, 8<sup>th</sup> notes, corresponding rests.</li> <li>◆ Growth-recognize basic score notation (<i>expressive markings, tempos, breath marks, rhythms</i>)</li> <li>◆ Solfege-scale and intervals</li> <li>◆ Correct Concert Etiquette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Display good posture</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate dropped jaw (yawn space)</li> <li>◆ Exhibit awareness of the choral breathing process</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate correct vowel placement (<i>ah, ee, oh, oo</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sing individual line within 3-part choral music</li> <li>◆ Perform with basic dynamics (<i>p pp, mf, ff, &lt;, &gt;</i>)</li> <li>◆ Perform individually or in small groups, rhythms as listed</li> <li>◆ Dictate basic rhythms and numbering (<i>quarter, whole, half, 8<sup>th</sup> notes, quarter rest</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sing scale on solfege syllables (<i>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, octave</i>)</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping

<p>◆ Advanced</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</p> <p><b>Festival of Choirs</b></p> <p><b>Solo and Ensemble</b></p> <p><b>Spring Concert</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Developing full tone with correct vowel placement, consonants, breathing process, intonation, blend</li> <li>◆ Mastery of 3-part singing</li> <li>◆ Further growth and understanding of listed rhythms</li> <li>◆ Recognize simple and compound time signatures</li> <li>◆ Further recognition of score notation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate correct singing technique appropriate to individual</li> <li>◆ Sing in tune</li> <li>◆ Perform with correct blend and balance between sections</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate a further knowledge of vowel placement and consonant articulation (<i>ah, ee, eh, oo, oh,</i></li> <li>◆ Demonstrate mastery of 3-part music by performing as an individual or ensemble</li> <li>◆ Recognize and perform score notation (<i>articulations, time signatures, rhythmic figures, other common symbols</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sight read simple melodies using solfege syllables and rhythmic activities</li> <li>◆ Echo/Sing/Clap simple and more complex rhythmic patterns (<i>quarter, half, whole, dotted, eighth, sixteenth notes and rests</i>)</li> </ul>
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## Unit- 8th grade: Vocal Music

Mastery Concept: Chorus	Time Frame	Essential Understandings The students should know through choral literature:	Process Skills The students should be able to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Basic</li> </ul>	<p>1st Semester</p> <p>Fall Concert</p> <p>UWW- Middle School Choral Clinic</p> <p>Winter Concert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sound-dropped jaw promoting open sound, correct vowel placement, posture, breathing process</li> <li>◆ Harmony-mastery of 3-part singing</li> <li>◆ Rhythm-performing selections involving whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, dotted 8<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> note triplets, quarter note triplets, corresponding rests.</li> <li>◆ Review basic score notation</li> <li>◆ Solfege-scales and intervals</li> <li>◆ Correct Concert Etiquette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate good posture</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate dropped jaw (yawn space)</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate awareness of the choral breathing process</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate correct vowel placement (<i>ah, ee, oh, oo</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sing individual line within 3-part choral music</li> <li>◆ Perform with basic dynamics (<i>p pp, mf, ff, &lt;, &gt;</i>)</li> <li>◆ Perform individually or in small groups, rhythms as listed</li> <li>◆ Discriminate between beat and rhythm</li> <li>◆ Sing/chant/clap simple and complex rhythmic patterns using listed rhythms in a variety of meters.</li> <li>◆ Dictate basic rhythms and numbering (<i>quarter, whole, half, 8<sup>th</sup> notes, quarter rest</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sing scale on solfege syllables (<i>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, octave</i>)</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping

<p>◆ Advanced</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</p> <p><b>Festival of Choirs</b></p> <p><b>Solo and Ensemble</b></p> <p><b>Spring Concert</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Developing full tone with correct vowel placement, consonants, breathing process, intonation, blend</li> <li>◆ Introduction to SATB literature</li> <li>◆ Further growth and understanding of listed rhythms (whole, half, quarter, eighth, and dotted notes)</li> <li>◆ Further growth and understanding of intervals</li> <li>◆ Recognize simple and compound time signatures (4/4, 2/4, 3/4, 6/8, 12/8)</li> <li>◆ Further recognition of score notation including tempo markings, key signature, dynamics, breath marks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate correct singing technique appropriate to individual</li> <li>◆ Sing with a pleasant tone</li> <li>◆ Perform with correct blend and balance between sections</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate a further knowledge of vowel placement and consonant articulation (<i>ah, ee, eh, oo, oh</i>).</li> <li>◆ Sight read simple melodies using solfege symbols and numbers</li> <li>◆ Echo/clap/sing simple and complex rhythmic patterns with sixteenth notes and syncopation in a variety of meter signatures</li> <li>◆ Recognize and perform score notation (<i>articulations, time signatures, rhythmic figures, other common symbols</i>)</li> <li>◆ Sing intervals alone and within an ensemble on solfege syllables (<i>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, octave</i>)</li> <li>◆ Recognize major key signatures (flat keys and sharp keys)</li> <li>◆ Transfer knowledge of solfege symbols and rhythmic activities to solve their own sight reading problems</li> </ul>
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# School District of Fort Atkinson: Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

## Unit: 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/Time Frame: 1st Semester

Course:	Performance:	Mastery Concept: Choral Techniques	Essential Understandings The students should know:	Process Skills The students should be able to:
Blackhawk Chorale  Lexington Singers	Fall Concert Holiday Concert  Community Outreach	◆ Basic Choral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Correct vowel placement, diaphragmatic breathing, and performance posture</li> <li>◆ Basic qualities of proper tone and intonation</li> <li>◆ Basic section/ensemble balance and blend</li> <li>◆ Basic sight reading skills (c/b)</li> <li>◆ Basic time signatures, including simple and compound meters</li> <li>◆ Musical phrasing of 2-4 measures of music</li> <li>◆ Dynamic levels including: <i>pp, p, mp, mf, f, ff, crescendo, decrescendo</i></li> <li>◆ Simple, duple, and triple based rhythms at various tempi</li> <li>◆ Understand up to 4-part harmony</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate a good approach to choral performance</li> <li>◆ Rehearse tuning and intonation within sections (SATB, SSA)</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate solfege syllables and their relations within a major scale, individually or in a small ensemble</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate, by oral or written assessment, the understanding of basic time signatures</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate basic understanding of phrasing within a work in an ensemble setting</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate basic understanding of dynamic levels and rhythmic notation through performance in an ensemble</li> </ul>
Women's Select Chamber Chorale  South High Street Singers	Fall Concert Holiday Concert  Community Outreach	◆ Advanced Choral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Advanced qualities of proper tone, intonation, and choral pedagogy</li> <li>◆ Advanced section/ensemble balance and blend</li> <li>◆ Sight reading at or above a basic level (b/a)</li> <li>◆ Advanced time signatures, including simple and compound meters</li> <li>◆ Advanced musical phrasing</li> <li>◆ Understanding of musical form</li> <li>◆ Advanced rhythmic notation including 16<sup>th</sup> note rhythms in duple and triple pulses</li> <li>◆ Understand more than 4-part harmony</li> <li>◆ Recognize key signatures of works</li> <li>◆ Understand historical musical time periods</li> <li>◆ Basic understanding of multicultural works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate musical phrases of various length incorporated into performance literature</li> <li>◆ Identify form, key signature, meter, phrasing, and musical time period into performance literature</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate advanced understanding of phrasing, balance, blend, and musical notation (i.e. "Russian Picnic" adapted from a Russian Folk Tune by Henry Enders)</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate multicultural works in performance</li> </ul>

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<p>Lexington Singers South High Street Singers</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>◆ <b>Basic Movement Techniques</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Basic stage presence performance skills</li> <li>◆ Basic dance techniques</li> <li>◆ Posture and alignment</li> <li>◆ Stage blocking skills</li> <li>◆ Combination of movement and correct breathing techniques</li> <li>◆ Show design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Demonstrate appropriate stage presence</li> <li>◆ Demonstrate an understanding of simple jazz dance moves (i.e. kick-ball change, box-square, waltzes, jazz hands, blades, relaxed hands, etc.)</li> <li>◆ Demonstrates good posture within performance</li> <li>◆ Show an understanding of simple stage blocking</li> <li>◆ Use correct breathing techniques while engaging in movement</li> <li>◆ Understand transitions between songs within a show design</li> </ul>
<p>Lexington Singers South High Street Singers</p>	<p>Community Outreach</p>	<p>◆ <b>Advanced Movement Techniques</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Developing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Developing</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping

# School District of Fort Atkinson: Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

## Unit: 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/Time Frame: 2nd Semester

<b>Course:</b>	<b>Performance:</b>	<b>Mastery Concept: Choral Techniques</b>	<b>Essential Understandings</b> The students should know:	<b>Process Skills</b> The students should be able to:
Blackhawk Chorale	Festival Community Outreach	◆ <b>Basic Choral Skills</b>	◆ Maintain and apply (MA)	◆ Maintain and apply
Lexington Singers	Mid-Winter Festival Community Outreach	◆ <b>Advanced Choral Skills</b>	◆ Developing (D)	◆ Developing
Women's Select Chamber Chorale	Festival Clinic Community Outreach			
South High Street Singers	Festival Competition Spring Concert Community Outreach			
Lexington Singers	Mid-Winter Festival Community Outreach	◆ <b>Basic Movement Techniques</b>	◆ Developing ◆ Maintain and apply	◆ Developing ◆ Maintain and apply
South High Street Singers	Festival Competition Spring Concert Community Outreach			
South High Street Singers	Festival Competition Spring Concert Community Outreach	◆ <b>Advanced Movement Techniques</b>	◆ Maintain and apply ◆ Advanced performing techniques ◆ Unity of moves within group ◆ Advanced technical execution ◆ Variety of movement ◆ Intensity of presentation	◆ Maintain and apply ◆ Perform with minimal or no flaws in movement ◆ Understand complete demand of the show design through performance ◆ Demonstrate correct posture and stage presence, body line and spacing ◆ Demonstrate communication of the demands of the show ◆ Demonstrates immediate recovery in regards to stage placement

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All Choirs	WSMA Solo and Ensemble WSMA Concert Choir Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Choral</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Literature</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Small ensemble literature</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Solo literature</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Period, contemporary, and traditional music</li> <li>◆ Various styles of choral music</li> <li>◆ Ensemble and/or literature based on class a/b aligned with Wisconsin School Music Association, solo and ensemble festival list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Apply performance skills to selected literature (MA)</li> <li>◆ Include appropriate style of performance to literature selected (D), (MA)</li> <li>◆ Work in a chamber/small group setting with assisted and self direction (D)</li> <li>◆ Work with assistance in developing solo performance literature (D)</li> <li>◆ Develop independence in performing solo literature (D)</li> </ul>
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