

South Gibson County High School Scholars' Prep Guide 2019-2020

Course: Vocal Music

Curriculum for the upcoming course and information of which students should be aware:

Vocal Music is a performance class where students learn to read, notate, and interpret written music culminating in various performances. These mandatory performances are dependent upon the semester in which the class is taken and include singing the National Anthem at the band's marching competition, the school's Veteran's Day program, the SGCHS Winter Concert, the SGCHS Spring Concert, and the SGCHS Graduation, as well as others that may occur throughout the semester. Previous musical experience in reading music is not required for this class.

Areas that might be challenging for students:

Students without prior musical experience can struggle with learning the language of music, being able to read notes and pitches. Stage fright and nerves are put to the test with performances.

Suggestions on how students can prepare for the upcoming course:

One good prep website is musictheory.net, with free lessons, exercises, and tools. There are several groups you can listen to on YouTube that give good ideas about what singing with a group sounds like: Voctave, The King's Singers, Voces8, Pentatonix, the American Boychoir, and the Gondwana Voices and Chorale. A separate website, hearchoirs.net, has a wide variety of school, amateur, and professional choirs and ensembles as well.

Suggested activities or resources (if applicable):

Listen to a wide variety of music- instrumental as well as vocal and pop. Youtube, hearchoirs.net, and musictheory.net can help your ear adjust to choral singing and theory.