## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Students Will Know/ Students Will Be Able To...

## Report Card Skill: Ability to read rhythm

#### For this skill, students will know:

- The value and name of different kinds of notes and their corresponding rests: whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes
- The function of a dot placed after a note
- The function of a time signature

#### For this skill, students will be able to:

- Clap (or sing on a neutral syllable) in a 4/4 time signature combinations of note values using whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes and their corresponding rests
- Clap (or sing on a neutral syllable) in a 4/4/ time signature combinations of notes and rests using dotted half notes and dotted quarter notes
- Clap (or sing on a neutral syllable) in a 3/4 time signature combinations of note values using whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes and their corresponding rests

## Report Card Skill: Ability to read melody

### For this skill, students will know:

- The diatonic solfege syllables of a major scale
- The solfege syllables for a natural minor scale

### For this skill, students will be able to:

- Sight sing a simple melody in a major mode, using solfege syllables not to exceed the first five tones of a major scale.
- Sight sing a simple melody in a minor mode, using solfege syllables, not to exceed the first five tones used in a natural minor scale.
- Sing music studied in class on solfege syllables

## Report Card Skill: Demonstrates an understanding of the fundamental elements of music

## For this skill, students will know:

- How to discover the form of a piece of music
- the difference between timbre and texture
- the difference between major and minor chords and scales

## For this skill, students will be able to:

- describe the musical form of pieces we have studied in class
- describe the different timbres and textures in a piece of music
- discuss and demonstrate the meaning of

• the symbols representing dynamics in music: pp ,p mp ,mf, f, and ff

dynamic symbols in a piece of music

## Report Card Skill: Demonstrate an age appropriate vocal tone quality and use of vocal register

## For this skill, students will know:

- the different registers of the human voice
- proper techniques for breathing
- proper technique used to produce age appropriate vocal tone
- posture used in singing

## For this skill, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to sing in the different registers of their voice.
- Identify the registers used in another person's vocal performance.
- Demonstrate proper breathing technique
- Show the posture needed to sing

## Report Card Skill: Able to critique personal performance as well as performance of others.

### For this skill, students will know:

- How to discern pitch matching in themselves and others
- How to tell if someone is performing the rhythm and melody that they are seeing
- The correct placement of vowels
- The correct singing pronunciation of English
- The correct pronunciation of a foreign language piece performed in class.

## For this skill, students will be able to:

- Discern when they or someone else is singing in tune
- Identify correct rhythms and melody performed by themselves or others while reading a musical score.
- Demonstrate correct vowel placement while singing
- Perform a piece in English showing correct vowel placement using the tongue and the lips.
- Perform a piece in a language other than English using correct pronunciation

# Report Card Skill: Displays age appropriate style and technique for a variety of musical literature.

## For this skill, students will know:

- Stylistic tendencies or norms for different styles of music
- Techniques such a s diaphragmatic breathing

## For this skill, students will be able to:

- Perform different pieces of music with different vocal styles
- Sing phrases of varying lengths without needing to breathe with in phrases