

Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Long Beach Unified School District
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Poly Choral Music
Choral Room (216)
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Period 6 conference, office hours by appointment

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2023 – 2024 Choral Music Syllabus

The Long Beach Poly High School Choral Music Program is proud to celebrate the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of the Poly community, and we welcome all students to join our tradition of excellence. Whether new or experienced, we look forward to helping you grow as a musician and as an individual.

Course Description

The goal of all seven of our performance ensembles is proficiency in the following areas:

- Literacy – reading, notating, and decoding musical notation
- Appreciation – understanding diverse musical styles, genres, and aesthetics
- History – studying historical context, cultural influence
- Technique – developing a proper and healthy singing technique
- Ensemble – learning to work as a team, as a contributor, and as a leader

Grading

- **Participation** – 60%.
 - Every two weeks, 38 participation points are possible. Points may be earned multiple ways:
 - Showing up with required materials (music, pencils, other materials as instructed)
 - Following instructions and participating in classroom rehearsals/discussions
 - Completing in-class projects and assignments
 - Do the work. Don't make excuses. This is an elective; you chose to be here!
 - The Poly Choral Music Department adheres to the Poly Schoolwide Discipline Policy and Classroom progressive discipline plan.
- **Performances** – 20%. Plan to be ON TIME at ALL performances AND rehearsals. It is your responsibility to resolve schedule conflicts ahead of time. For Inspirational Glee, music production assignments are part of this grading portion.

Materials

You will be loaned sheet music throughout the year. It can be expensive and is inconvenient to replace, so be responsible. If you return music in an unusable condition or fail to return music, you will pay the cost to replace it. If you do not pay for the music, a hold will be placed on your transcript until the balance is paid (you cannot graduate with a hold on your record). Have a pencil at all times to make markings in your music. NEVER use anything other than pencil to write in your music.

Concert Dress

If applicable for your ensemble, you are expected to wear concert attire appropriate to the ensemble you are in. ALL ensembles have appropriate attire. If you do not have the correct concert attire, you will not be allowed to perform. If you are issued concert attire, you will assume the same responsibility as you would with your music. If you lose your attire, or return it in an unusable condition, you will be billed for the cost for replacement (\$80.00)

Sacred/Religious Repertoire

A significant amount of choral literature is sacred or religious in nature, the result of a long and historical tradition of church patronage (as well as other factors). The rehearsal and/or performance of religious music does not constitute an endorsement of the respective beliefs, nor is it necessarily encouraged. The Poly Choral Music Department respects all cultures and beliefs and acknowledges the sensitive nature of religion/faith. If you have an issue concerning religious repertoire, please feel free to contact Mr. Dokko.

Concerts and other Important Dates:

- Fall Vocal Concert: Thursday, October 14, 2023, 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - Dress rehearsal, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 3:45pm-5:30pm
- Holiday Vocal Concert: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Dress rehearsal, Tuesday December 5, 2023, 3:45pm-5:30pm
- Winter Vocal Concert: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Dress rehearsal, Tuesday March 5, 2024, 3:45pm-5:30pm
- Spring Vocal Concert: Thursday, May 23, 2024, 6:30pm-8:30pm
 - Dress rehearsal, Tuesday May 21, 2024, 3:45pm-5:30pm

For all concerts - 5:30pm call time for singers, 6:30pm concert start.

Miscellaneous

- **Booster Club (PCMA)** – Our parent booster club, the Poly Choral Music Association (PCMA) supports the choral department at Poly High School, serving the students and choral program in many valuable ways. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mr. Dokko at bdokko@lbschools.net for more info.
- **www.polychoir.com** - Online services available exclusively for students, parents, and family are available on our website. You will find an events calendar, concert recordings, documents, rehearsal parts (when applicable), and other features, including a link to our social media accounts. Please note: you must first create an account to gain full access.
- **Social Media** – don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to stay up to date with choir events and news. Search for "Poly Choral Music Association" or "lbpolychoir" on Facebook and Instagram.
- **One-time fundraiser** – We do just one official fundraiser all year, a donation campaign in September as soon as school starts. We don't do the traditional catalog sales, cookie dough, or candy bars (thank goodness!). Instead, we ask our friends, families, and communities to support us with a one-time donation that goes towards our many expenses. Please consider donating; our Vertical Raise campaign is visible on polychoir.com.
- Alternatively, if you prefer to make an independent donation, you may make any denomination payable to **PCMA**. All donations are 100% tax-deductible, as the Poly Choral Music Association is registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (EIN 20-3748145)