



# Southmoreland School District Chorus 6,7,8 Curriculum Overview

## **Chorus 6,7,8 Overview:**

The focus of Chorus at the Middle School level will be to foster independence and pride as a member of a successful vocal ensemble. Students will gain confidence as a singer, develop a better ear for blending with other voices, and thoroughly interpret all aspects of the musical score.

## **Module Titles:**

**Module 1:** Music Terminology and Notation

**Module 2:** Sight-singing

**Module 3:** Independent Part-singing

**Module 4:** Vocal Mechanism Development

## **Module Overviews:**

### **Module 1: Music Terminology and Notation**

Students will define choral terminology, symbols, and notation in choral literature.

Students will successfully perform all aspects of choral literature using this newly gained knowledge and understanding of printed music.

### **Module 2: Independent Sight-singing**

Students will demonstrate proficiency at reading pitches using the Solfege System.

Students will recognize and understand melodic intervals. Students will gain confidence in singing choral literature presented at first sight.

### **Module 3: Independent Part-singing**

Students will demonstrate vocal independence by maintaining a vocal line against another. Students will maintain either the melody or harmony while singing two and three-part mixed choral music.

Students will continue to develop their novice sound into their more mature voices.

### **Module 4: Vocal Mechanism Development**

Students will gain an understanding of how the vocal mechanism works.

Students will manipulate the vocal mechanism to produce changes in frequency, dynamics, and timbre.



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Modules 1-3, while focused on both individual and ensemble learning, Performing in a group requires individually mastered skills to be used while considering the needs of the whole

\* It should be stated that each module is employed intermittently, yet fluidly throughout the year, and at times in combination with some/all other modules at the same time. We will not cover the modules specifically in sequence.