

La Plata Choral Auditions & Course Description for 2021-2022 School Year

Show Choir/ Show Troupe (Honors)- Audition/ Interview Required

- For the advanced musician who loves to entertain, join the LPHS Show Choir! Students will be given a private audition/ interview at set times during the school day either with their current director or with Ms. G. In the interview, students should be prepared to share their expectations for their involvement in the class with regards to singing, dancing, and backstage crew. Students not currently enrolled in the choral program need to see Mrs. Gioia-Ely to set up a time for their audition.
- Any student selected for Show Choir must understand that work is required outside of class to learn music and there will be after school rehearsals in preparation for major performances. There are a multitude of performance opportunities for members of Show Choir. Any student registering for this course should understand that those performances are a major factor in determining their grade. Show Choir members must also understand that there will be a fee for attire. The cost of the costume varies. This year the cost of the costumes ranged from \$85.00-\$135.00. (Please do not allow financial reasons to deter you from auditioning.) All choral members are required to purchase the choral department t-shirt each year to be worn at special events. This year's t-shirt cost \$35. There are fundraisers each year used to pay for some or all of these costs mentioned above.

Advanced Chamber Choir (Honors) - Audition/ Interview Required

- For the advanced musician join the LPHS Chamber Choir! Students will be given a private audition/ interview at set times during the school day. The auditions will be timed and will include a prepared selection, sight-singing and rhythmic exercises. Callbacks will be arranged individually with the students who perform well in the initial auditions, if needed. Students not currently enrolled in the choral program at their middle school will need to work with their current teacher to contact Mrs. Gioia-Ely to set up a time for their audition. Students in this group should be within the top 10% of their current ensemble or peer group.
- Any student who is selected for Advanced Chamber Choir must understand that work is required outside of class time to learn music and there will be after school rehearsals in preparation for major performances. There are many performance opportunities for members of Chamber Choir. Any student registering for this course should understand that those performances are a major factor in determining their grade. Chamber Choir members must also understand that there will be a fee for attire. The cost of the costume varies. This year the cost of the costumes ranged from \$85.00-\$125.00. (Please do not allow financial reasons to deter you from auditioning.) All choral members are required to purchase the choral department t-shirt each year to be worn at special events. This year's t-shirt cost \$35. There are fundraisers each year that can be used to pay for some or all of these costs mentioned above.

Men's Chamber Choir - NON-Auditioned

- For the dedicated and motivated beginner male musician who wants to try choir, the Men's Choir is for you! Current choral members will be placed in Men's choir next year based on their performance and commitment this year. Students not currently in the choral program need to sign up with Mrs. Gioia-Ely. No formal audition required, but interview is sometimes needed or requested by the student or teacher.
- Any student who is selected for Men's Choir must understand that there will be after school rehearsals in preparation for major performances. All Men's choir members are required to wear black dress pants, black socks and black dress shoes. The choral department will provide La Plata Choral Robes, when necessary. All choral members are required to purchase the choral department t-shirt each year to be worn at special events, this year's shirt cost \$35. If the student is selected to perform in Chamber Choir events as well, the purchase of a tuxedo will be required as well.
- Men's Choir students will not only perform as a men's ensemble, they will also perform in combination with the Concert Choir Women to form the Mixed Chorus. They will also have opportunities to perform with the Chamber Choir. Performances for the community and competitive events are also a part of the coming school year. All members are required to attend the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Women's Choir NON-Auditioned

- For the dedicated and motivated beginner female musician who wants to try choir, the Women's Choir is for you! Current choral members will be placed in women's choir next year based on their performance and commitment this year. No formal audition required.
- Any student who is selected for Women's Choir must understand that there will be after school rehearsals in preparation for major performances ONLY (Usually less than 4 per year). All choir members are required to wear black dress pants, black socks and black dress shoes. The choral department will provide La Plata Choral Robes, when needed. All choral members are required to purchase the choral department t-shirt each year to be worn at special events. This year's t-shirt cost \$35.
- Women's Concert Choir will perform in combination with other LPHS groups as well as performing solo material. All members are required to attend the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Piano I, II, III, IV - Non-Auditioned class for 10th – 12th grade

- For beginner to advanced keyboard musicians! This class will not be offered in the upcoming year to freshman unless a piano audition has taken place. Due to the high demand for the spaces, priority is given to the upperclassmen, unless the student has prerequisite skills that would qualify them to enroll in the self-paced class.

Please feel free to reach out to sgioia@ccboe.com directly with any questions or concerns. We are so excited to meet you!

