## Course Framework

Course Title	Viking Ensemble
Grade Level	(10-12)
<b>Semesters (1-2-3-4)</b>	(2 semesters)
Prerequisite	Varsity Choir or Treble Choir and an individual audition with the instructor
Course Description	Viking Ensemble is offered for those students in the Choral Music Department with a strongly established foundation in vocal music. Students must be current members of Varsity Choir or Treble Choir and are selected through an audition with the instructor. This performing group will explore a variety of musical styles and will perform at various concerts throughout the year.
District-approved Materials and/or Resources	Various choral octavos chosen on a yearly basis that will challenge the members of this auditioned ensemble  Teacher designed materials used to reinforce the elements of choral
	music and singing  Lives of the MusiciansGood Times, Bad Times )And What the Neighbors Thought) 1993: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers
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## **Unit Frameworks**

Unit of Study: major topics	IMEA District IX Music Halloween Jazz Program Holiday Program Touring Program (every other year) Spring Program Spring Jazz Night Program	Resources that will support instruction Choral octavos Teacher supplements
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks,  National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	Singing a varied repertoire of music  Understanding choral music (especially that of the contemporary and jazz genres) in relation to its history and culture  Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts  Evaluating music and musical performances  Listening to, analyzing, and describing music  Appropriate movement  Reading, notating, and interpreting music  Understanding the elements of music  Understanding more complex vocal anatomy  Understanding more complex breathing anatomy  Dynamic stage presence	
Objectives	<ol> <li>Present intelligent musical performances of varied choral literature</li> <li>Discuss stylistic concerns of the selections performed</li> <li>Critique musical performances of their own and other performing ensembles</li> <li>Demonstrate appropriate physical movement as an accompaniment to vocal performance</li> <li>Aurally identify and vocally reproduce intervals, chords, and scales</li> <li>Perform with poise and competency as a solo singer</li> <li>Demonstrate appropriate concert etiquette as both a performer and audience member.</li> </ol>	

Assessments	Performance Tasks	Other Evidence
	<ol> <li>Auditioning for the District IX IMEA Music Festival</li> <li>Solo performance twice yearly of musical selections of their</li> </ol>	Intelligent classroom critique and discussion of key concepts and ideas
	own choosing 3. Individual audition consisting 4. of a memorized solo, a blues scale, and a character essay	2. Various community and special event performances throughout the school year
	5. Final performance(s) of literature studied at scheduled events	3. Intelligent classroom discussion and critique of various performances throughout the school year