Blue Choir

Blue Choir is a training ensemble for singers who are new to choral singing. In this ensemble, students are introduced to the fundamental aspects of participating in an ensemble. Through exposure to quality choral repertoire, young musicians will work to develop their music literacy, aural skills, and ability to perform as a member of a group.

In order to advance to Gold Choir, Blue Choir members may participate in an assessment at the beginning of every academic year. Considerations for advancement will be based on the following criteria:

1. Music literacy – Students will be assessed on their ability to follow and read a traditional choral octavo.
   a. Ability to follow pitches
   b. Ability to track a single part in a score
2. Tracking – Students will be assessed on their ability to consistently follow a conductor while singing a song.
   a. Ability to watch and respond to director
3. Aural Skills – Students will be assessed on their ability to match pitch, echo phrases, and sing in harmony.
   a. Pitch matching
   b. Holding a part against others
   c. Phrase recall
   d. Melodic and rhythmic echoing
4. Rhythmic Accuracy – Students will be assessed on their ability to label and read note names and rhythm dictations.
   a. Reading dictation
   b. Labeling simple rhythms
5. Ensemble Skills – An integral part of participating in any ensemble is the ability to react to other musicians and rehearsals in a way that benefits the success of the ensemble overall. Students will be assessed on their impact on the group dynamic.

1-10 scale