



Archbishop MacDonald Catholic High School

Course Vocal Jazz 15/ MACappella - 5 Credit

Year 2025-2026

Term Full Year

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Resources Music folder
Repertoire
*Students must provide their own concert dress.

Program of Studies Locally Developed Course (1433/2433/3433)

Overview MACappella is Archbishop MacDonald's auditioned contemporary vocal ensemble. Membership is open to students enrolled in Mac Choir (Choral 10/20/30) through a successful audition. This ensemble explores vocal jazz, pop, and other contemporary styles of a cappella singing. Students develop advanced skills in blend, rhythm, harmony, microphone technique, improvisation, and stage presence. The ensemble frequently performs within the school and community.

IB Philosophy MAC's courses use the IB philosophy to encourage the holistic development of all students. The Learner Profile and Approaches to Teaching and Learning are used at all levels so that students develop a better understanding of curriculum objectives. This course will focus on the Learner Profile for THINKERS because we use critical and



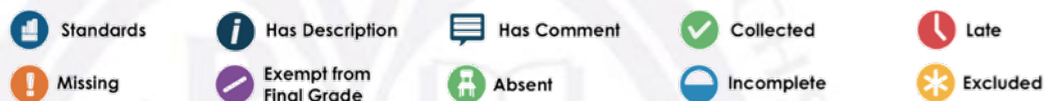
creative thinking skills to act on complex problems. Our Approaches to Learning skill will be THINKING because we emphasize skills such as reflection and critical thinking.

Assessment

The assessment plan for the course will be a balance of assessment for learning, assessment as learning, and assessment of learning. Your summative grade will be calculated ***cumulatively*** throughout the semester with the following:

Attendance and Participation 100%

The code NHI may be used to represent coursework that has not been handed in. It is representative of a zero. In addition, the following may appear for a student in PowerSchool instead of, or in addition to, a numeric grade:



Disclaimer

A wide range of assessment information is used in the development of a student's final grade. At Archbishop Macdonald Catholic High School, individualized assessments provide specific information regarding student progress and overall performance in class. Student assessment may vary from student to student to adapt for differences in student needs, learning styles, preferences, and paces. It should also be noted that not all assignments are used to determine the final grade, and that scale factors may have been used to determine the weight of individual assignments.

Personal Mobile Device Standards

Mobile Devices and Social Media Use:

- Personal mobile devices are to be silenced or turned off and stored in the student's assigned locker during the day, which must be locked.
- No personal mobile devices are to be used during the day except for at lunch.
- No social media is to be accessed during the school day.
- The standards for Personal Mobile Devices includes cell phones, SMART watches, earbuds, and headphones
- Non-compliance with the standards will result in consequences of a suspension or loss of privileges such as participation in school trips, or activities, sports teams, and extracurricular activities.

Expectations

Rehearsals take place every Day 1 at lunch, many Thursdays after school, and occasionally before school. Because of the advanced and fast-paced nature of the repertoire, significant individual practice outside of rehearsal is expected. Regular attendance at all rehearsals and performances is a vital part of the course.

MACappella members are leaders within the Mac Choir program and ambassadors for Archbishop MacDonald High School. Students are expected to demonstrate responsibility, commitment, and teamwork both in rehearsal and in performance. As a visible and active part of the school community, MACappella represents the values of excellence, service, and collaboration through music-making.

Participation provides students with opportunities to strengthen musicianship, build ensemble skills, develop leadership, and experience the joy of performing innovative and challenging repertoire as part of a dedicated team.

Unexcused absences and/or lates are unacceptable and may have a negative effect on the grade. Missed coursework may be expected to be completed and may be scored as zero or NHI until submitted (see disclaimer).

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