

District Honour Choir



What is District Honour Choir?

District Honour Choir is a mixed and women's only choir course offered as District Honour Choir 10, 11 and 12. Students entering the choir for the first time begin in District Honour Choir 10 and may continue the program in subsequent years. The course offers an opportunity to challenge and extend the learning of West Vancouver School District's finest young singers in Grades 7 - 12.

The course is held on Wednesday evenings at West Vancouver Secondary School; the women's choir meets from 5-6:30 pm and the mixed choir meets from 7-8:30 pm.

The course provides a credited music elective for students in Grades 7 - 12. Students earn 4 credits towards graduation in each year of the course.

District Honour Choir is an auditioned group that strives for excellence.

The groups represent the West Vancouver School District with polished performances in the community and surrounding areas.

Both choirs are competition groups that will enter music festivals to learn from experts and strive to continually improve.



District Honour Choir launched with great success in September 2013 and will be offered to students in Grades 7 - 12 across the West Vancouver School District who demonstrate a special talent for choral singing.

How do I register?

1. Attend the **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the West Vancouver Secondary School Library (1750 Mathers Ave).
2. Sign up online for an AUDITION by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2014 at: www.sd45.bc.ca/honour-choir
3. You will receive an email to confirm your audition time and location by the first week of April.
4. Auditions will be held in late April / early May.

What are the pre-requisites?

- Experience singing in a choir (either school or community)
- Knowledge of basic music theory (e.g. note names and basic note values)
- Enrollment in your school choir for the year in which you are registered for District Honour Choir (exceptions can be made in specific circumstances at the school music teacher's discretion; inquire by email)
- An understanding that there will be times throughout the year that students will be required to attend mandatory concerts and extra rehearsals outside regular class time

Please note

There is a \$200 materials fee for this course. In addition, this ensemble will be travelling to an out-of-town music festival that will require a further cost of approximately \$500.

Information regarding these fees will be discussed at the PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the WVSS Library.