

**Stockton Collegiate International Schools**  
**MYP Arts: Music/Choir**  
**Level 2, Grade 7**

**1. Course Description**

In the MYP, the arts should challenge students to consider authentic issues and develop their skills beyond superficiality and imitation. Students are provided with opportunities to function as artists, as well as learners of the arts. To be an artist one has to be curious, and by developing curiosity about themselves, others and the world, students become effective learners, inquirers and creative problem solvers. In the MYP, students are guided to create, perform and present art in ways that engage and convey their own feelings, experiences and ideas. The IB learner profile should infuse teaching and learning in the arts. (MYP arts guide)

SCIS choir is a performance course. Students will be expected to explore different cultures of the world through choral performance. The class utilizes musical vocabulary, concepts and processes. Students will learn proper vocal technique and reflection strategies that will be relevant to all their courses taken at SCIS.

**II. State Standards and MYP Objectives**

MYP Objectives	California State Standards
Students will demonstrate a <b>knowledge and understanding</b> of choral music throughout the world.	<b>1.0 ARTISTIC PERCEPTION-</b> Read and notate music
Students will <b>apply</b> choral techniques and develop their own style/process for musical performance/creation.	<b>2.0 CREATIVE EXPRESSION-</b> creating, performing and participating in music
Students will <b>reflect and evaluate</b> choral rehearsal and performance.	<b>3.0 HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT-</b> analyze musical context throughout the world.
Students will <b>interact</b> with their peers in a supportive and sensitive way.	<b>4.0 AESTHETIC VALUING-</b> Responding to and making judgments about music.
<b>Connecting</b> what is learned about music and <b>applying</b> it to other art forms.	<b>5.0 CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS-</b> Connecting what is learned about music and applying it to other art forms.

**III. Areas of Interaction**

**Approaches to learning** (ATL) are central to all MYP subject groups. There are seven groups of skills that encompass ATL: organization, collaboration, communication, information literacy, reflection, thinking, and transfer. All of these ATL's will be expounded upon through the arts courses.

These are some sample questions used in the choir classes that connect the Areas of Interaction (AOI):

**Community and service:**

- How does music communicate across time and cultures?
- Do communities need music?
- How can I improve my community through music?

**Health and social education:**

- Is music a luxury or a necessity?
- Can I create music to communicate with others?
- How can individual's behavior be influenced by music?

**Environments:**

- What power do artists have today to communicate environmental issues to the world?

In what way does the environment affect music?  
How can my art impact on the school environment?

**Human ingenuity:**

What is music?  
In what ways has humankind developed music?  
Can music be unethical?

**IV. Texts and Resources**

- K-8 Magazine, Plank Road Publishing
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**V. Methodology**

Basically, the idea here is that the courses are inquiry-based and student-centered. What will that look like in the classroom?

**VI. Methods of Assessment**

The single most important aim of assessment at Stockton Collegiate is to support and encourage student learning. Teachers will use formative assessments to guide their instruction day-by-day. These assessments are generally not included in the students' final grades. Summative assessments are the students' opportunity to demonstrate their level of achievement at the end of a unit and are included as part of a final grade. The MYP approach to assessment recognizes the importance of the processes of learning as well as the products of learning. The MYP assessment model is criterion-related, meaning that it is based upon pre-determined criteria to which all students (and parents) have access.

Start with the above paragraph. Then list the subject criteria and write the name beside the letter.

List units. Add as you create more. Add rows as necessary.

Name of Unit	Unit Question	Assessment

**VII. Grading Policy**

Grades will be determined using a combination of MYP marks and more traditional assessments. These grades will be combined to produce a composite mark of A, B, C, D, or F at the end of each semester according to traditional percentage guidelines (90-100: A; 80-89: B; 70-79: C; 60-69: D). Heavy emphasis will be given to a student's level of competency at the end of the grading period.

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