

Vocal Music Department Philosophy Statement

The Waukeee Vocal Music Program provides instruction and opportunities for students to collaborate with peers, develop age appropriate vocal technique, and build music literacy skills through music inclusive of different historical periods and cultures. It is the goal of the Vocal Music Department to provide students with a comprehensive education full of performance experiences that promote life-long singing and appreciation.

5th Grade Choir Description

5th Grade students have the option to participate in a choral ensemble, in which they will learn beginning choral techniques. Students will have the opportunity to sing a variety of choral literature during the school year. Students will have formal performance opportunities to celebrate their skills and talents with the community.

This course does not formally report out on student progress.

Students will...

- build music literacy skills
- develop age-appropriate singing technique
- explore music of different historical periods and cultures
- evaluate and respond to musical performances
- create and share original musical ideas

5th Grade Choir Course Components

1. Unison singing
2. Two-part singing: rounds & partner songs, melodic ostinato, and counter melody
3. Simple two-part harmony singing
4. Navigating choral octaves and sheet music
5. Sight-reading
6. Healthy singing technique & posture
7. Rhythmic accuracy
8. Elements of Music