

Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute

Grade 6 Music Course Outline

2014-2015

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Mission Statement

The music program at MBCI encourages personal growth within a group setting. Students will develop their singing voices to their best ability and learn to make music with their peers in a safe environment that supports creativity. Every musician is valued for his or her individual and unique contribution to the group as a whole. It is my goal to provide a safe, challenging, supportive, and positive learning experience for every student in which our musical gifts are used to serve the Creator from Whom all talent originates.

General Expectations

MBCI choir students are expected to:

- attend and participate in all classes
- perform at all concerts and festivals
- practice repertoire as needed
- bring necessary supplies (small binder with loose leaf, pencil, and music), and
- be reasonable, responsible, and respectful to themselves, their peers, their teachers, and the Choir Room.

Music Uniform

Music students at M.B.C.I. use a uniform at all school performances. An exception will be made for this year's Opening Program only, which will occur before new uniforms arrive at the school.

Provided by the school:

- Boys will wear a black, long-sleeved dress shirt with a long red tie.
- Girls will wear a black, long-sleeved dress shirt with a red scarf inside the collar.

Purchased at a local retailer by the student:

- **Both boys and girls will wear solid black dress pants which hang from the leg.** Skirts and skin-tight yoga pants (like lululemon) are not acceptable.
- All music students will wear black socks and closed-toed black dress shoes with no bare feet showing.
- We encourage students to NOT wear accessories, such as bows in hair.
- Belts must be solid black, and the buckle must not draw attention to itself.

All Grade 6 students will be sized during classes in early September for the top portion of the uniform which will be ordered through the school. This will be returned to the school in June.

Curriculum and Assessment

The music curriculum at MBCI is based on vocal technique, musical literacy, musicianship, and rehearsal skills. Along with other academic subjects, the music program has carefully planned curriculum goals that serve as the basis for instruction and evaluation. Grades will be derived as follows:

40% Performance Skills

- in-class formal and informal performance assessments

40% Rehearsal Skills

- preparation for class (supplies)
- daily class work
- individual progress
- ensemble skills and etiquette

20% Theory

- all written work, assignments, and tests

Concert Performance Review Assignment

Students will be asked to complete a Performance Review Assignment that involves attending a choral concert and submitting a written review. The performance should be at the high school, university, or professional level. The assignment may be done and handed in before its due date, which is Friday, May 29 at the latest. Students will receive more details in class.

Concert Attendance Policy

Students are expected to participate in all concerts and festival performances as a requirement of the course. If any student is unable to attend a performance, he/she must notify Mr. Cooper in writing at least three weeks in advance so appropriate accommodations can be made. Students who miss a performance may lose up to 20% of their grade; however, they will have the chance to earn back these marks if the proper procedures are followed.

Important Dates – Required Attendance for Grade 6 Students

Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 PM	Opening Program	Jubilee Place
Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 PM	Middle School Christmas Concert	Jubilee Place
Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 PM	Choral Concert	Jubilee Place
Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 PM	Middle School Spring Concert	Jubilee Place

Supply List

Students are responsible for bringing their music, a small binder with paper, and a pencil to every music class. Students will be provided with music to study and perform throughout the school year. Students are expected to keep this music in good condition. Any damaged or lost music will result in the student being charged for its replacement.

Junior Vocal Jazz 6,7

Grade 6 students are encouraged to audition for the Junior Vocal Jazz 6,7 ensemble. This group rehearses at lunch every Day 2 and 4 from October to the end of March. They perform several times during the year, as well as travel to the Brandon Jazz Festival in March. (There is an additional fee for this opportunity.) To find out more about the vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles, bring your lunch to an information meeting on Monday, September 22 at lunch in the Choir Room.

Fundraising

MBCI organizes several fundraisers throughout the school year in order to help students offset the cost of school events. Money fundraised may be used toward activities that students participate in during their time at MBCI, excluding tuition. (For example, students may begin fundraising this year for trips in future years.) More information about the type and dates of these fundraisers will be announced in September.

Dress Rehearsals for School Concerts

A dress rehearsal is the final practice on the day of the performance. Students DO NOT wear their uniforms during this practice. Sometimes it requires that students are taken out of regularly scheduled classes because they do not have a set meeting time that day. Students must then be responsible to talk to their teacher to find out what material they missed in that subject. Here are the dress rehearsals for the major school concerts this year in Grade 7 Choir:

Combined Choirs Rehearsal: Wednesday September 17 day 4 period 5

Opening Program: Tuesday September 23 day 2 period 4

Grade 6-8 Christmas Program: Tuesday December 16 day 2 period 5 from 2:40-3:30

Combined Choirs Rehearsal: Wednesday March 11 day 2 period 3

MBCI Choral Concert: Tuesday March 17 day 5 9:20-10:10

MBCI Grade 6-8 Spring Concert: Tuesday June 2 day 6 period 4 from 1:30-2:15



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Detach and Return This Page to Mr. Cooper as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, September 16, 2014, day 3, for 5% of your Term 1 mark.

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

Do you currently take private lessons on any instrument(s)? Yes No

If yes, which instrument(s)? _____

(trombone, voice, etc.)

"I have read the MBCI Choir Course Outline and understand what is expected of me. I have written the concert dates on my calendar. I will follow and respect the guidelines and procedures outlined in this handbook and attend all performances."

Please Print Student First and Last Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Email Communication

This course outline will be emailed to your family email by Monday September 8. Please email me back by Tuesday September 16 at the latest, and include any additional email addresses (student email, parent work email, etc., which you would like me to use to send information home this year.