

Department: Performing Arts

Course Name: Finding Your Voice 6

Course Description:

This quarter-long class helps sixth grade students build confidence by developing their speaking and singing voices. Students will spend four weeks working on their oral skills through speaking exercises, dramatic readings and presenting their own original work. The remaining four weeks will be spent strengthening their singing voices through vocal exercises and choral music. This class will be taught in coordination with the music and theater departments.

Content:

Dramatic Readings of published speeches and poems

Original Oratory

Solfege – syllables and hand signs

Musicality – Phrasing; Balance; Unison

Posture and Breathing

Vocal Technique

Skills:

Understand the importance of self-analysis, peer review, and the role of collaboration in the arts.

Recognize the connection between their voices and their bodies as a whole.

Learn musical expression, phrasing and performance practices.

Develop the appropriate techniques for tone production

Develop self-discipline and individual initiative through group rehearsal and individual practice.

Text and Materials:

Various text and materials will be provided by teachers.

Methods of Instruction:

Individual, partner, and group discussions and work

Teacher directed instruction

Speaking Exercises and games

Choral Rehearsal Methods

Methods of Evaluation:

Oral feedback from teacher and peers

Formal written feedback through rubrics

Participation