

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

The Heritage High School Concert Choir has a reputation of choral excellence in the tidewater region. Concert Choir has performed extensively on the peninsula and surrounding areas where they have astounded audiences with their level of choral performance. The choir has consistently performed with superior ratings in the District VIII Choral Festival along with the entire Heritage High Choral Department. Many members of the Concert Choir have gone on to represent the City of Newport News in All-State Choir and District Chorus. Under the direction of Mrs. Arcelia Simmons the Heritage Concert Choir continues to perform in a manner that makes them the pride of downtown Newport News Va.

Arcelia Simmons is the choral director of Heritage High School in Newport News Va. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Music education from Norfolk State University. She has over 26 years of teaching experience teaching every level of music from elementary school to high school. She has been choral director at Heritage since it's opening in 1996. Under her tutelage the choral department has grown from 60 members to 180 members and 4 different performing ensembles. Her ensembles include a beginning choir of mixed voices, A Treble Choir, Legacy (jazz choir), and the Concert Choir. She resides in Newport News with her husband Daniel and their four children.