

HJS CHOIR CONDENSED HANDBOOK

Highlands Junior Choirs and Choir students have earned and enjoyed a reputation for excellence. Choir provides a great opportunity for you to develop vocally, perform and compete as an individual and as a choir member.

Classroom Rules

1. Be inside the classroom when the bell rings.
2. When Mrs. Callahan or Mrs. Dunnam is speaking there should be no talking.
3. Keep hands and objects to yourself.
4. Be courteous and supportive of other students.
5. Participate DAILY with a positive attitude...
6. NO GUM!!.

Required for class

You **MUST** have your folder/music and pencil for rehearsal.

We want excellence- NOT excuses!

SPRING TRIP DATE

*Saturday May 9th

*If a student has attended ISS, POINT or has been suspended, they will NOT be allowed to participate in ANY off campus choir trips during that semester.

***Students MUST and have the expected behavior/participation in class in order to attend the end of the year trip.**

Uniforms

Choir T-Shirt/Jeans

Choir Fee: \$20 Due NO LATER THAN

Friday September 26th

Payment options: Cash or Make checks payable to :

HJS choir

The choir fee includes choir shirt, classroom supplies and contest fees.

Classroom Procedures

1. Place **ALL** personal items on the choir room wall upon entering the classroom.
2. NO purses, brushes, makeup or school binders on the risers.
3. Get your choir folder/music and pencil **NO PENS!**
4. Have a seat in your assigned seat.

****Two restroom passes are given each six-weeks**
Students should use them wisely ☺

Participation MATTERS!!!

Participation is **vital** to the success of the entire choir program! Students' grades will reflect their participation. When **YOU CHOOSE** choir as your elective, YOU are expected to participate **fully**. If this is not a priority for YOU then our success is limited. What is participation??? I'm glad you asked ☺

1. EVERYONE sings during warm-up
2. When your part is being taught YOU are participating/singing.
3. Sit tall when singing.
4. Have your music IN YOUR HAND while singing.
5. Mark your music when told to do so.
6. Sing during ALL sightreading exercises.
7. Use your hand signs.
8. Attend ALL concerts.

CONCERT DATES:

Fall Concert @ GCM October 7th 7 pm

6th grade & Intermediate Christmas Concert Dec. 15th
@ HJS 6pm

Honors & Boys Christmas Concert @ HJS Dec. 16th 6pm

6th grade Pop Show @ HJS May 28 6pm

7th and 8th grade Pop Show @ HJS May 29th 6pm

All-Region Dates (7th and 8th grade only)

All-Region Camp Sept. 20th @ Gentry 9am-12pm

All-Region tryouts Oct. 4th @ Lumberton HS- TIME TBA

Zone rehearsal Oct. 14th @ Cedar Bayou 5-7pm

Zone rehearsal Oct. 30th @ Cedar Bayou JH 5-7pm

FULL Region rehearsal Nov. 3rd @ Port Neches 5-7pm

All- Region Clinic and Concert Nov. 8&9 @ Vidor HS

All- Region rehearsals (7th and 8th grade only)

TBA in the choir room 4:20-5:30pm

Solo & Ensemble Jan. 31st @ HJS time- TBA

**All grades can participate

Questions?

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IMPORTANT STUFF!
Grading Policy

60% Major Grades include, but are not limited to: tests, required rehearsals, concert attendance

30% Daily Grades include, but are not limited to, sight-reading, theory worksheets, and **DAILY** class participation.

10% Class Quizzes

All concerts/performances are graded assignments and are **required**.

All choir members are expected to attend all performances, required rehearsals and choir-related functions for the duration of the function. That means, you do not sing and leave...all will wait until the end of the performance to be dismissed.

In the event of an absence from a concert...

Students will sing their part before or after school for a maximum grade of 80 to make up their concert grade. Excused absences include family emergencies or severe illness. Unexcused absences include staying home, transportation issues (student doesn't have a ride), etc. Dates are placed on the calendar from the first day of school so that plans can be made in advance for attendance. Unexcused absences will be assigned a zero.

Your child has made a commitment to this program. Please help to foster correct and ethical behaviors in regards to absences. Everyone has put in the time and effort to be successful. Everyone matters!

In addition, punctuality is of vital importance to the choir program, so please be on time. The call time is when students need to be in their seats. If for some reason a parent or guardian is unable to attend a concert please pick up your child in a timely manner. This also should be adhered to for ALL practices as well.

What does "eligible" mean?
No Pass - No Play

Lack of eligibility is the chief factor in an organization's success or failure. What does this mean? You must pass all of your classes with a 70 or above to participate in all EXTRA-curricular events. Grades matter! Stay current on class work, homework and missed assignments...This is VERY important!

MAKING GOOD CHOICES= SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS!!

LET'S HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR!!



Eagles are winners! Plan, prepare and EXPECT to win!!!

Let's stay in touch! Please register with Remind.com, and help us communicate with parents and students more efficiently. Remind.com is a free texting service provided to educators. Simply send one of the following messages to **832-479-5602**:

6th grade girls choir @834c5; Intermediate choir @2c9e5;
Boys Choir @62a70; Honors Choir @d46d5