

# **Hodges Bend Middle School**



## **Choir Handbook**

**2024-2025**

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# Director

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## List of Required Materials

These items are REQUIRED and PROVIDED for this class:

1-inch Black Choir Binder

2-4 Pencils

Highlighters in Yellow, Orange, Pink, and Blue

3-Ring Pencil Pouch

***If items are lost the student is responsible for replacement  
(Pencils and highlighters I will replace within reason)***

All items MUST be returned at the end of the school year in good condition.

All of these items will stay in the choir room in your binder slot unless you have permission from the directors to take them with you.

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## Rules & Cell Phone Policy

As a member of the HBMS Warrior Choir, we have high expectations for the success of our choir community. In order to achieve this success we live by THREE simple rules:

- Follow Instructions and Participate
- Be Reliable
- Respect Yourself, Others, and Property

We also have a no-phone policy that aligns with the campuses, and we do not allow food, drinks, or gum in the choir room.

For phones, if we see it, we take it and turn it in to the grade level-AP.

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# Grading Policy

Students are graded in three major areas each nine weeks.

## **Participation**

*Daily Participation (Daily Grade)*

*Supply Checks (Daily or Major Grade)*

## **Written Work/Recorded Assignments**

*Major and minor assessments of understanding of music theory, terminology, solfege, sight-reading etc. **The student is responsible for requesting missing work.***

## **Concerts & Events**

*Participation in concerts and other performances is the EXPECTATION. Concerts and other performances are MAJOR GRADES, however, the student **must** demonstrate themselves to be ready for performance, both musically and behaviorally. If they do not demonstrate this readiness, they will be uninvited from performances.*

*If a student misses a performance, they must request a makeup assignment to receive 70% credit.*

*If there is a conflict with a rehearsal or performance, let the directors know as soon as possible. Conflicts are almost always resolved favorably.*

*For an absence to be considered, it must be communicated ahead of time. Excused absences will be at the discretion of the director.*

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## **Extra Rehearsals**

*Occasionally students need some extra, more specialized rehearsals that focus on their section alone. These will be communicated in advance and a schedule will be provided.*

*Varsity Girls, Non-Varsity Girls and Non-Varsity Boys will be the groups that will most often have sectionals outside of the school day. These will take place in the morning before the school day begins.*

*After school Rehearsals may also occur in the hours before the evening concert if there is a combined song or something that we do not have the ability to practice during the school day. This will also be communicated in advance.*

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# Choir Fee

Our choir fee covers various costs that help support the program and the students' success, such as choir shirt, uniform rental, transportation, accompanists and clinician fees, classroom supplies and more.

Students are **required** to pay the choir fee:

6<sup>th</sup> Graders: \$25

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: \$30

Please pay the dues at the following RevTrak link:

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## Uniforms

Students have a required uniform for performances, either informal or formal.

### ***Informal***

- Choir Shirt
- Dark Jeans (no holes)
- Black or dark close-toed shoes

### ***Formal (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)***

Ladies:

- Choir Dress provided by HBMS Choir
- Black, close-toed, low-heeled or flat dress shoes
- No jewelry permitted except for a small silver or gold necklace

Men:

- Black Dress Shirt and a Red Tie provided by HBMS Choir (if a student already has a black dress shirt they may be permitted to wear it instead)
- Black Dress Pants
- Black Dress Shoes with Black Socks

Keep in mind, students are not permitted to wear perfume or cologne when wearing their choir uniform.

**Students will be fined for lost or damaged items.**

# Handbook Acknowledgement

## STUDENT

- I have read the HBMS Choir Handbook
- I have read the rules and expectations for the course, and I agree to abide by them
- I realize that my failure to abide by the regulations or to carry out my responsibilities may result in failure, suspension from various choir events, or immediate dismissal from the course.
- I also understand that by not signing the handbook, I am waiving my rights to any and all participation with the HBMS Choir including any after-school activities and forfeit enrollment in the course.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Shirt Size (circle the correct size):

Youth Large   Adult Small   Adult Medium   Adult Large   Adult XL

Adult XXL

## PARENT/GUARDIAN

I acknowledge receiving and reviewing the rules, regulations, guidelines and procedures governing my student's participation in the HBMS Choir Program. I also realize that my student consequently will need my assistance in time management and scheduling. I hereby give consent for my student to participate in rehearsals, practices, and performances for the HBMS Choir Program, and I realize their behavior will be setting the example for Hodges Bend Middle School, FBISD, the community, and my family.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check below if you are willing/able to chaperone Choir events:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to help chaperone events and trips

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to help in other ways (uniform fitting, snacks, etc.)

## PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOS FOR PROGRAM SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Sometimes we like to feature our student members participating in rehearsals, performances, and other activities on social media sites for the purpose of promoting the program. This may include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the program website. Signing this will give us consent to use your student's photo on those particular sites.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_