Bartlesville Choir Handbook

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*We will strive to provide a superior choral arts education in which students gain not only musical skills and a life-long appreciation of music, but also develop individual skills and strategies fostering discipline and dedication that will help them to be successful in all academic areas and throughout their lives.*

*-Bartlesville Choral Directors*

**Choir Member’s Expectations:**

Students will enter the classroom on time in an orderly manner.

Students will have their assigned music folder and a pencil and be in their assigned seats.

Students will always use hand-signs while sight-singing.

Students will participate in all activities and all parts of the rehearsal with a positive attitude.

Students will demonstrate a climate of mutual respect.

Students will be responsible for participating at all scheduled activities. (see attached calendar)

**Eligibility:**

The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association states that a student failing a class is on immediate probation. Upon receiving a failing grade in any subject the second consecutive week, the student is ineligible for competition until passing ALL classes. A student remains ineligible until the next regular grade check or is reinstated by the principal. A student cannot be excused from a class in which he/she has an “F” average to attend a choir activity. Choir members’ eligibility will be checked two weeks in advance of each choir activity. The teacher will notify the student when their name appears on the ineligible list that comes out weekly.

**Choir Member’s Grade:**

Comprehensive points are compiled from the following areas:

* Daily participation in sight-singing, rehearsal, and following classroom expectations – 60%
* Attendance at all scheduled concerts, contests, and extra rehearsals. – 40%

**A daily grade is given each day. A maximum of 20 points can be earned. However,** **Students should be aware that points will be deducted for the following reasons:**

* **Unexcused absences**
* **Having gum, food, candy, etc.**
* **Failure to retrieve and/or return folder/pencil to assigned slot.**
* **Doing homework during rehearsal time.**
* **Choosing not to participate or disruptive behavior.**
* **Tardy to seat**
* **The use of brushes, combs, make-up etc.**
* **Using a cell phone during rehearsal!!!!**

**CELL PHONES SHOULD NEVER BE IN USE DURING A CONCERT!!**

**Absence Policy:**

Choir is a **PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN** class! All students receive the expected calendar dates for the year within the first two weeks of school. Choirs do their best when their teammates are all present at performances. Illness or a death in the family would be the only excused absence. Absences due to SCHOOL-SPONSORED activities are considered exempt. Other absences can only be excused at the director’s discretion. Please notify the director in advance. Notice of at least **ONE WEEK** is required of absences when applicable.

**Make-up Work:**

Since performances serve as a summative assessment for the student, an **EXCUSED ABSENCE ONLY** (see above absence policy) will give him or her opportunity to earn the grade for a missed performance with an alternative make-up assignment. A hand-written report on a music topic assigned by the director is the policy for a student’s assessment in place of the missed performance. The student will have one week to complete the assignment. School-sponsored activities will be exempt from any make-up assignment.

**Trip Policies:**

Transportation is provided for all out of town trips. Parents may transport their own child. A student may be excused from riding the bus if the student’s parent notifies the teacher and completes a transportation release form indicating that the parent releases the responsibility of their child to the care of another parent. The form must be turned in TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.  **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO RIDE WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN THEIR PARENT WITHOUT THIS FORM.**

**Uniforms:**

Choir students 7th-12th grades will be issued a concert uniform. Black socks/shoes are required for boys. Black, closed-toed shoes and black knee-highs or hose are required for girls. Uniforms should always be pressed and looking their best for performances.

6th Grade students will purchase a choir polo shirt determined by the director. Black pants/shoes/socks are required for performances.

**Booster Club:**

All parents of a choir member are automatically members of the Choir Booster Club. The club provides many important benefits to the choir, including uniforms, equipment, travel money, music, rewards and tax-free status for raising funds for choir members’ trips.

**Required Fees:**

**Middle School Choir Activity Fee $25.00**

The following fees are for students who wish to participate in optional honor choirs:

**CENTRAL AND MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

All- State Music (7th and 8th only) $6.00

District Honor Choir Only Music (7th and 8th only) $5.00

District Honor Choir Audition Fee (7th and 8th only) $10.00

Jr. High All-State Audition Fee (7th and 8th only) $15.00

Solo Festival (7th and 8th only) $10.00

Circle the State With Song Fee (6th only) $30.00

Children’s All-State audition Fee (6th only) $5.00