



Fredericksburg FMS

Choral Handbook

2022-2023

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Dear Choir Student and Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Fredericksburg Middle School / High School Choir! I am so excited that you and your child have elected to participate in choir at Fredericksburg MS and HS, and am honored to be their choir director. FMS/FHS choir has an established reputation of excellence, and I am sure this year will show a continuation of that success.

As the choir director at FMS/FHS, I hope to get to know each and every choir student and parent/guardian very well. Parents/guardians, please call or email me anytime with any questions or concerns. Together we can make this program the best that it can possibly be!

Sincerely,

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Materials

Fredericksburg ISD / Choir Will Supply	Student Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none">UIL uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DividersHighlighterChoir Shirt

CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

In choir, your child will not only develop his or her skills as a musician, singer and creative person, but will also gain the experience of working as a team to reach a common goal. In choir, students learn that hard work, passion, and cooperation lead to success. Each member must do his or her personal best in order to achieve the best possible outcome for the entire group.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Keep hands to yourself.
2. Have all materials
3. Participate

CONSEQUENCES

1. Verbal or written warning
2. Not allowed to participate. Home is called or emailed.
3. Student/teacher conference. Home is called or emailed.
4. Parent/student/teacher conference.
5. Referral and administrator/parent/teacher conference.

****Severe disruption will result in the student being sent immediately to the office.**

REWARDS

- Praise
- Positive phone calls or notes home
- Karaoke or Game Thursday/Friday (last 20 minutes of class – weekly)
- Various other perks (throughout the whole semester)

MS GRADING POLICY

Daily Grades	30%
Homework/Quizzes	30%
Mandatory performances/Tests	40%

MISSED CONCERTS, PERFORMANCES, AND REQUIRED SPECIAL EVENTS

Every choir member is expected to attend all extra rehearsals, performances, and special events. **Participation in every required rehearsal, performance and event will be for a grade.** The director determines the validity of any excuse. In order for an absence to be excused, the student must submit a written excuse from their parent/guardian explaining why the child was absent. If the director determines the excuse is valid, the student will then need to complete a lengthy assignment in order to receive a grade for the mandatory performance. **If transportation is an issue, please speak to Ms. Parks to make arrangements prior to the event. Lack of transportation is not a valid excuse.**

EXTRA REHEARSALS AND/OR PERFORMANCES

I will notify the students and parents/guardians of extra rehearsals and/or performances at least two weeks in advance so that transportation arrangements can be made. Extra rehearsals will only be scheduled during the final days before a performance. Extra rehearsals will be scheduled right after school. For Middle School, some of these rehearsals may take place at the high school, but bus transportation will be provided.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Performances, Field Trips, Region/All State Choir, and UIL Concert and Sight-reading (Spring semester only) are examples of special events. In order for a student to participate in any of these events, he or she must be passing 3 out of their 4 core classes, and have written permission from the teachers of the courses they are failing. In order to participate in any UIL events, students must be eligible. I will send out detailed information regarding these events at least two weeks before they occur.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES

Your involvement in the Fredericksburg Choral Program is greatly encouraged! If you want to serve as a volunteer, make sure to submit your VICE forms to Central Office. These forms can be found in your child's Google Classroom Choir Class. I can also email them to you. Please make sure to do this **before** you join us as a volunteer/chaperone for any event.

FUNDRAISER

We will have a fundraiser during each semester. The money raised will be used for the fees involved with our trips, refreshments and other activity expenses that the choir officers approve of.

CHOIR FEES AND UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

I would like to request that each choir member submit a T-shirt Fee and Dues for other expenses such as team building events, social events, snacks, meals and classroom supplies.

We will have the same T-shirt as last year. If you do NOT need a T-shirt, you do NOT need to pay the T-shirt Fee. I recommend buying an EXTRA t-shirt.

- 6th/7th Grade Choir, \$15: T-shirt Fee (\$11) Dues (\$4)
- 8th Grade Choir, \$25: T-shirt Fee (\$11) Dues (\$14)

Our concert uniform expectations are as follows:

Fall Concert	Winter Concert	Pre-UIL Concert	Spring Pop Show
Choir shirt Blue jeans / black Pants Close-toed shoes	Choir shirt Blue jeans / black pants Close-toed shoes	Choir shirt Blue jeans / black Pants Close-toed shoes	TBD
Choir shirt Blue jeans / black Pants Close-toed shoes	Choir shirt Blue jeans / black pants Close-toed shoes	UIL Uniform Black, close-toed DRESS SHOES	TBD

TUTORIALS / SECTIONALS

- FMS (OPTIONAL Tutorials - Choir Room - By appointment) **Mon/Wed, 7:15 - 7:45 AM**

Handbook Contract

Please KEEP your choir handbook at home in a safe place.

Please sign this contract, and turn it into Ms. Parks at elliep@fisd.org by August 22, 2022.

We read and accept all of the policies in this handbook.

PRINT Student Name _____ Student
Signature _____

PRINT Parent Name _____ Parent
Signature _____