

# Husky Choir

2017-2018 Handbook



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## Handbook and Syllabus-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Husky Choir

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Welcome to the Husky Choir! I am excited to have you as a student this year, and I hope you have an enriching experience as a part of our team. Here is the information you'll need to be successful as a member of the award-winning Husky Choir.

**Materials needed:** Pencil, a good attitude.

**Schedule:** Regular class schedule will continue throughout the year, with our first quiz (singing test) happening during the second week of school. We will have two singing tests during each of the grading periods this year, which will be integrated into our weekly grades. We will have periodic concerts throughout the year, and the current scheduled concerts will be October 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Willie Pigg Auditorium, December 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the MISD Performing Arts Center, and May 1, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Willie Pigg Auditorium. We will also have a few performances to be scheduled later. We will also have a Spring Trip to the Pride of Texas Music Festival for the Advanced Choir on April 23, 2018.

**Grading Policy:** Choir class is graded on proper and enthusiastic participation in all of our activities. You are not graded on natural ability. Each week, you will receive a participation grade based on consistent effort on our rehearsal and learning experience as well as your attitude toward our team. The grade will be based on the percentage of class time spent participating in our activities. A five point deduction from the weekly grade will occur whenever you refuse to follow directions, sing, or participate in a classroom activity or project. Classroom disruptions will result in a ten point deduction, for you will be not only failing to fulfill your duties, but preventing others from doing so. Our tests will also be similarly graded. Singing tests will be evaluated in groups of four or more, so you are not required to sing by yourself. You will also receive a participation grade for attending a performance. If you cannot attend a performance, you may complete an alternate assignment for an excused absence for full credit or an unexcused absence for a maximum grade of 70. School grading guidelines are as follows:

90-100=A  
80-90=B  
70-80=C  
Below 70=Failing

Everyone will receive a citizenship grade each grading period on the following scale:

E=Excellent  
S=Satisfactory  
N=Needs improvement  
U=Unsatisfactory

The citizenship grade is based on classroom activities and not on you as a person. I believe you are all excellent!

Grades will be posted weekly on Skyward. If you are in danger of failing choir, I will contact your parents for advice on how I can help you succeed.

**Homework:** We will only have homework if class behavior prevents us from achieving our necessary daily goals. Homework will only cover what was missed that day. I hope we never have this issue!

**Advanced Choir:** We will have an advanced choir as a subgroup of the Husky Choir. This group will have a few extra performances, and you must qualify for Advanced Choir to go on the Spring Trip. Here are the criteria for Advanced Choir:

1. You must have passed all your classes in the previous six weeks.
2. You must have fewer than three office referrals and none in the previous six weeks.
3. You must make a concerted effort to learn all of our music.
4. You can earn your way back into the Advanced Choir.

Advanced Choir members who have not passed their benchmarks/CBA are not eligible for the Spring Trip; I feel it's better for you to stay in class and strive for success. You can do it!

**Shirts:** We will be ordering Husky Choir Tee Shirts during the first few weeks of school. The cost of the shirt will be \$15.00, and it will be the uniform for most of our performances. If you cannot afford a shirt, please see Mr. Poteat, and we will do our best to arrange to get one for you.

**Parent Volunteers:** We will need parent volunteers for a few of our activities this year, particularly the Spring Trip. If we do not have at least one parent chaperone per 10 students, we cannot attend. If you are interested in volunteering for events throughout the year, please complete the attached form and complete the district volunteer process found at

[https://mansfield.quickapp.pro/apply/applicant/new/5108?ref=qap\\_session\\_31aecb552b1c13db699ba2b9cd74e7236e8d40810b9f035faf317f22e5700af6](https://mansfield.quickapp.pro/apply/applicant/new/5108?ref=qap_session_31aecb552b1c13db699ba2b9cd74e7236e8d40810b9f035faf317f22e5700af6).

You can access this URL through the MISD website by going to Departments, then Human Resources, then Campus Volunteers. We will have a chaperone meeting a few weeks before our Spring Trip. Thank You!

**Husky Choir Membership Form:** Please complete the attached membership form as confirmation you have received this syllabus and agree to the expectations of being a member of the Husky Choir. I am thrilled that you're a teammate!

Mr. Poteat

## Husky Choir Enrollment Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact: (email, phone, text)

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My parent/guardian would like to chaperone the Spring Trip! Here's his/her/their name(s) and contact information:

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I and my parent/guardian have read the Husky Choir Handbook, and we agree to the policies and procedures involved in being a member of our team. I will do my best to be a great teammate to my fellow Husky Choir members.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_