

[Husky Choir]

2016-2017 Handbook



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted that your child is interested in being a part of the Husky Choir this school year! Being in choir is a wonderful opportunity for students to grow together through music. We plan to make this year an exciting and enjoyable experience for our students as well as our parents.

Please make sure to read through this entire handbook to familiarize yourself with the policies of this group. Once you and your child have both read through the handbook, please sign and return the bottom half of this page. Please also include an email address to receive email updates and reminders regarding choir rehearsals and performances.

If you have any questions about choir, please feel free to contact me at jeffreypoteat@misdmail.org. I'm looking forward to a great year of music making!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Poteat
Choir Teacher
Della Icenhower Intermediate School

Choir Permission Form

(Please return no later than 9/16/2016)

I give permission for my child to be a member of the Husky Choir for the 2016-2017 school year.

We have read through the Choir handbook and understand the expectations and rules of being part of this group.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Email

Signature

Rehearsals

We will rehearse during class, and if necessary, we may have a few rehearsals before or after school. Students are expected to fully participate in all rehearsals. If you are sick and cannot sing, please tell Mr. Poteat.



Choir Rules and Behavior

1. Always sing your best and listen to directions.
2. No talking while Mr. Poteat is talking.
3. Make sure you have all the correct music in your folder *before* we start.
4. Respect each other, and respect your choir folder and music.
5. At the end of rehearsals, put your choir folder and chair away neatly.
6. We will conduct ourselves as young ladies and gentlemen, for that which we do reflects on us as a team.

Attire

We will be ordering choir shirts early in the year. Depending on the quality of the shirts, cost should be between 15 and 20 dollars. If there are circumstances which make it impossible to purchase a shirt, please send a note or email to Mr. Poteat, and we will work together to acquire a shirt for your student.

Attendance Policy

Our concerts are mandatory, and several of them are graded based on participation. If you cannot attend a performance, please send a note or email with the reason for the absence.



Excused absences include:

Illness/Absence from school

Family Emergency

Vacation/Travel

Grading

Choir class is graded based upon participation and learning. I will never grade you on your natural talent. Each class is a learning experience as well as a rehearsal, and all students must participate fully to the best of their ability. Each student receives a daily grade, and those grades are averaged at the end of the week for a combined weekly grade. Those weekly grades will be entered into the gradebook, and there will be an occasional test or activity which is also entered. Singing tests are based on effort and understanding.

Performance Dates and Spring Trip:

We are tentatively scheduled for a Fall concert on October 25, 2016 at Willie Pigg Auditorium and a Spring concert on May 30, 2017 at the Mansfield ISD Performing Arts Center. Both concerts are scheduled at 6:30 PM. We will also have a few informal concerts at the school and in the community, and these dates and times will be announced later. We will also be taking a select group to the Pride of Texas Music Festival in Euless, TX in April. To be eligible for this trip, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Choir members must pass all of their core academic classes. Our academics are a priority, and I would rather the students who have struggled concentrate their efforts on their studies.
2. Choir members must not have received a discipline referral. It is imperative that our team consists of young ladies and gentlemen who are aware of their responsibilities in regards to their personal behavior.
3. Choir members must be willing to put forth the effort to learn the music to the best of their ability.

Thank you, and let's have a great year!

Mr. Poteat