

**Beulah Middle School  
Chorus Handbook  
2023-2024**



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## **Chorus Grading Policy**

- \* **Participation/Assessment Grade:** 50% of a student's grade is obtained from assessments in class. This will include, but not be limited to, written music theory practice and exams, sight reading, analysis of observed performance settings, and demonstration of performance skills.
- \* **Performance Grade:** 50% of a student's grade is obtained from performance. Students are given a grade of 100 for performances. If a student is absent from a performance, he/she will be given the opportunity to make up 80% of the grade by individually singing excerpts from the performance music at a time scheduled outside of class. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule a time for his/her make-up performance grade.
- \* **A zero will be added in the gradebook as a reminder for the student to complete the makeup assignment.**

## **Chorus Uniform Fees and Fundraising**

Each student should contribute an annual chorus uniform fee of \$10. Extended time for payment or requests for payment options are always welcome. Simply communicate via email to [sheath@ecsdfl.us](mailto:sheath@ecsdfl.us) or written note to make requests. **Deadline for chorus uniform fee is Friday, September 29, 2023.** T-shirt order forms will be sent home requesting sizing and payment.

In addition to monies generated through the chorus fee, chorus will sponsor fundraisers. The Cookie Dough Sale is scheduled for September 1-18, 2023. Additional fundraisers will be scheduled if necessary.

The use of monies collected includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of chorus tee shirts, chorus music, cost of transportation, substitute teachers when chorus is away from campus, concert expenses, classroom materials and supplies, trips, etc. Parents may also make a donation if desired. ***Checks can be made payable to Beulah Middle School and must include the name, physical address and phone number. No P.O. Boxes allowed.***

## **CLASSROOM RULES**

- \* Students are considered tardy if not in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
- \* Students are to remain in their seats at all times unless given permission otherwise.
- \* Students are expected to have their cell phones turned off unless for an assignment.
- \* Students are not to bring gum, food, or drink (except water) into the classroom.
- \* Students are expected to participate at all times to the best of their ability.
- \* Students are expected to demonstrate rehearsal courtesy.
- \* Students are expected to respect the learning environment at all times.
- \* Students are expected to follow all ECSD, and Beulah Middle School policies.

## **VIOLATION OF RULES**

1. FIRST OFFENSE: Warning and re-teaching of classroom expectations.
2. SECOND OFFENSE: Deduction of merit points in Chorus, and re-teaching of classroom expectations.
3. THIRD OFFENSE: Parent contact, deduction of merit points in Chorus, and re-teaching classroom expectations.
4. FOURTH OFFENSE: Referral/Dean.

## **Chorus Classroom Management Procedures**

- \* Students will be given 100 merit points each 9 weeks (cumulative total for the year = 400). (90/100 for 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks; 180/200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks; 270/300 for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks; 360/400 for 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks).
- \* Students will be issued a “yellow card” to be kept in their chorus folders. Any infractions of school rules and/or classroom procedures will result in points deducted from their merit total and will be documented on the yellow card so that students and parents are always aware of their merit point standing. **Please check your child’s merit point and grade eligibility frequently.**
- \* If a pattern of unwise choices becomes evident, the parent will be notified to discuss possible solutions.
- \* Students will be given opportunities to regain merit points based on individual circumstances.
- \* Ten points per day will be deducted for each assigned time in In-School Suspension (ISS) and 20 points per day will be deducted for each day of Out of School Suspension (OSS) if the infraction of rules occurred in the Chorus classroom.

## **Chorus Travel Policy**

- \* In order to travel and /or perform off campus, students must maintain 90% of the total possible merit points (90/100 for 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks; 180/200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks; 270/300 for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks; 360/400 for 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks). **See Chorus Classroom Management Procedures.**
- \* Students must maintain a grade of A, B, or C in all subject areas in order to participate in choral activities off campus. Students will not be allowed off campus privileges during school hours if they have a D or F average in any class.
- \* Missing a required performance and making up the grade does NOT qualify a student for travel. **See Chorus Calendar for designated required performances.**

## **Chorus Uniforms**

Chorus uniform attire:

- Beulah MS Chorus tee shirt. \*The Chorus Department will order the t-shirts and students will receive them in Chorus once they've paid the \$10.00 Chorus t-shirt fee.\*
- Black jeans to the ankle with no holes.
- Any **black** tennis shoes or closed toe shoes.
- Hair must be worn out of the face for all performances.

**\*This year's uniform is subject to change based on the colors of the new Chorus t-shirt. It will likely be very similar to this. Please standby for further information. Thanks!\***

# Chorus Semester 1 Calendar

Tuesdays, August 22, August 29, September 5, September 12: All County Honor Choir morning rehearsal. 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **Selected students only.**

Friday, Sept. 1 - Monday, Sept. 18: Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

September 6, 7, & 8: All-State Chorus morning prep sessions. Chorus Room. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. **Selected Students only.**

Monday, September 18: All County Honor Choir Rehearsal. Spencer Bibbs Center. 5-6:30 p.m. **Selected students only.**

Monday, September 25: All County Honor Choir Rehearsal. Spencer Bibbs Center. 5-6:30 p.m. **Selected students only.**

Monday, October 2: All County Honor Choir Rehearsal. Spencer Bibbs Center. 5-6:30 p.m. **Selected students only.**

Monday, October 16: All County Honor Choir Rehearsal. 12:30 – 6:00 p.m. FSpencer Bibbs Center. **Selected students only.**

Thursday, October 26: Final All County Honor Choir Rehearsal - ALL DAY. Saenger Theatre. Doors open to parents - 6:30 pm. Concert - 7:00 pm. **Selected students only.**

Thursday, November 16: Winter Concert Morning Rehearsal. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **All Singers. Attendance Required.**

Thursday, November 30: Winter Concert Morning Rehearsal. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **All Singers. Attendance Required.**

Thursday, December 7 (Concert Day): Winter Concert Rehearsal. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **All Singers. Attendance Required. Breakfast Provided.**

December 7: Chorus Winter Concert. 6:30 PM. Approximately 1 hour. Beulah Middle School Cafeteria. **All Singers in Chorus Uniform! Attendance required. Graded Performance.**

*Concert Day Info: Students will come to school early for a morning rehearsal and then go to classes as scheduled. Students will also stay after school to rehearse before the concert. Students will need to bring their Chorus t-shirt to school with them that morning. The Chorus Department will provide pizza and drinks for dinner before the concert.*

*\*Additional activities will be communicated via parent email.\**

# Chorus Semester 2 Calendar

March TBA: Fundraiser

January 9 -13, 2023: All-State Chorus Trip. **Selected students only.**

March 4-6: District Choral MPA. Performance details (date and time) to be given at a later date. Only selected choirs must perform. This is a district requirement for students in those choirs. More details to come!

April/May TBA Spring Concert Rehearsal. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **All Singers. Attendance Required.**

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April/May TBA (Concert Day): Spring Concert Rehearsal. 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Chorus Room. **All Singers. Attendance Required.**

May TBA: Spring Concert. 6:30 p.m. Approximately 1 hour. Beulah Middle School Cafeteria. **All Singers in Chorus Uniform! Attendance required. Graded Performance.**

*Concert Day Info: Students will come to school early for a morning rehearsal and then go to classes as scheduled. Students will also stay after school to rehearse before the concert. Students will need to bring their Chorus t-shirt to school with them that morning. The Chorus Department will provide pizza and drinks for dinner before the concert.*

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## Chorus Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed student name),

- have read and understand the information contained in the Chorus Handbook- **See Grading Policy, Uniform Fees and Fundraising, Uniforms, Classroom Management Procedures and Travel Policy**
- understand that it is my responsibility to communicate all chorus information that is communicated via the planner entry board to my parents/guardians by maintaining my agenda planner on a daily basis.
- understand that a lack of planning on my part does not constitute an emergency on my teachers' and/or my parents' part.

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed parent/guardian name),

- have read and understand the information contained in the Chorus Handbook- **See Grading Policy, Uniform Fees and Fundraising, Uniforms, Classroom Management Procedures and Travel Policy**
- understand that it is my child's responsibility to communicate all chorus information that is communicated via the planner entry board to me, the parent/guardian, by maintaining their agenda planner on a daily basis.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_