

Husky Choir

2019-2020 Handbook



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Handbook and Syllabus-6th 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.

Commitment: 6th Grade Husky Choir is a full year elective. Students will study rhythm and solfege daily to develop music reading skills. We study traditional choral music (including music in many different languages) as well as some Broadway and Pop songs. Choir students commit to working hard, being respectful of every team member and SINGING EVERY DAY!

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, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the MISD Performing Arts Center and December 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Willie Pigg Auditorium. We will also perform with the Timberview and Coble choirs at the MISD Performing Arts Center on November 4 and for Toys for Tots on December 4 at the Performing Arts Center, with times to be announced. 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 21, 2020.

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 toward 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. Responsible stewardship of our classroom materials (sheet music, classroom resources, etc.) will be expected and considered in the assessment process. Our tests will also be similarly graded. Singing and sight reading tests will be evaluated in groups of four or more. Disruptive students will be required to sing by themselves the part being evaluated. 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 (with valid written parental notification) for full credit or an unexcused absence for a maximum grade of 70. The final grade will be an average of all weekly grades, tests, and performances.

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. It's not a punishment; it's doing what is necessary to achieve our goals. I hope we never have this issue!

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. Shirts are required for all choir members; without it, you will not be allowed to perform. If you cannot afford a shirt, please see Mr. Poteat for the procedure for arranging to get one for you.

Spring Trip: For our Spring Trip, we will participate in the Pride of Texas Festival in Euless, TX. We adhere to the state UIL standards for participation in this event. Therefore, all attending students must meet the following criteria:

1. Student must have passed all classes in the previous grading period and be passing all classes in the current grading period.
2. Student must have no more than three discipline referrals for the year, and none between January 1, 2020 and the date of the trip.
3. Student must be assessed as being STAAR ready by his or her core teachers.
4. Student must not have earned a 75 or lower in choir nor an N or U in citizenship.

Parent Volunteers: We will need parent volunteers for a few of our activities this year, particularly for the Spring Trip. If we do not have at least one parent chaperone per 8 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.

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)

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

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 _____