



# Newman Smith HS Choir Handbook

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**Directors**

# Welcome to the Newman Smith High School Choral Department!

Dear NSHS Choir member and parent/guardian,

The Newman Smith High School Choral Department enjoys a rich tradition of excellence, pride, and high musical standards. As part of one of the strongest choral organizations in the state, you can be proud of who you are and what you do. Let's work together during the 2021-2022 school year to maintain the excellence we have come to know as tradition. This investment of time, effort, and energy will create a harvest of life-long benefits beyond measure.

Participation in the NSHS Choir program provides students the opportunity to improve individual vocal technique, music theory, and sight-reading skills. Students learn challenging choral literature in a variety of musical styles, and are able to compete at choral contests and festivals both in and out of CFB-ISD.

This handbook is designed to introduce you to the choral traditions at Newman Smith High School and to provide you with information regarding course selection, grading procedures, eligibility, private lessons, uniforms, fees, fundraising, the choir trip, and a calendar of activities and concerts. As the year progresses, any additions or changes will be provided to you via the students and email. It is imperative we have your correct email on the Charms website.

We are excited about the opportunities that await us in the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you for your support of music education at Newman Smith High School. It is a privilege to have you as a valued part of our choral program.

Mr. Lucero & Ms. Nolan

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# CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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| JULY 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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5 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holiday

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3-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Development  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Holiday  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Workday  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ First Day of School  
13 \_\_\_\_\_ School Holiday  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports

| SEPTEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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3 \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Development  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holiday  
17 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports

| OCTOBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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8 \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Development  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ School Holiday  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ End of Grading Period  
20 \_\_\_\_\_ Report Cards

| NOVEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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5 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary Progress Reports  
22-26 \_\_\_\_\_ School Holiday  
24-26 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holidays

| DECEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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3 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ End of Grading Period  
22-31 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holidays

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| JANUARY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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3-4 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holidays  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Workday  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ First Day Back for Students  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ Report Cards  
17 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holiday  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports

| FEBRUARY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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11 \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary Progress Reports  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Development  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ School Holiday

| MARCH 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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11 \_\_\_\_\_ End of Grading Period  
14-18 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Break District Holiday  
23 \_\_\_\_\_ Report Cards

| APRIL 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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8 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holiday  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary Progress Reports  
29 \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Progress Reports

| MAY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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25 \_\_\_\_\_ Last Day of School  
25 \_\_\_\_\_ End of Grading Period  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ Bad Weather Day  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ Bad Weather Day  
30 \_\_\_\_\_ District Holiday  
28 \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation  
31 \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Workday

| JUNE 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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1 \_\_\_\_\_ Report Cards

- KEY**
- SCHOOL AND DISTRICT HOLIDAY
  - SCHOOL HOLIDAY
  - STAFF DEVELOPMENT/STUDENT HOLIDAY
  - TEACHER HOLIDAY
  - TEACHER WORKDAY
  - ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORTS
  - SECONDARY PROGRESS REPORTS

- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- BAD WEATHER DAY
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
- END OF GRADING PERIOD
- REPORT CARDS

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Elementary — 7:40 AM-2:55 PM  
Middle School — 8:30 AM-3:45 PM  
High School — 8:30 AM-3:45 PM

**GRADUATION**

High School graduation is tentatively set for May 28th. Location is still to be determined.

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# NSHS 2021~2022

## Choral Department Calendar

| Date              | Event                                    | Req'd Choir(s)                          | Location                     | Start                | End            |
|-------------------|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 8/24/2021         | Choir Parent Meeting                     | All Choirs                              | NSHSChoir.com                | 7:00pm               | 8:00pm         |
| 8/26/2021         | Ice-Cream Social                         | All Choirs- Optional                    | NSHS Choir Room              | 6:00pm               | 8:00pm         |
| <b>8/30/2021</b>  | <b>Vocal Ensemble Retreat</b>            | <b>Vocal Ensemble</b>                   | <b>NSHS Choir Room</b>       | <b>4:00pm</b>        | <b>8:00pm</b>  |
| 8/31/2021         | Back to School Bash                      | All Choirs- Optional                    | Mary Heads Park              | 6:00pm               | 8:00pm         |
| 9/1/2021          | Cookie Dough Fundraising Begins          | All Choirs                              | Community                    |                      |                |
| 9/11/2021         | Uniform Distribution                     | All Choirs                              | NSHS Choir Room              | 9:00am               | 1:00pm         |
| 9/18/2021         | District Auditions                       | All-Region Auditionees                  | LD Bell High HS              | During the day       |                |
| <b>9/25/2021</b>  | <b>A Cappella Retreat</b>                | <b>A Cappella Choir</b>                 | <b>NSHS</b>                  | <b>4:00pm</b>        | <b>10:00pm</b> |
| 10/11/2021        | Homecoming Decorating                    | A Cappella Choir                        | NSHS Choir Room              | 1:00pm               | 5:00pm         |
| 10/15/2021        | Homecoming Game Tailgate                 | Optional                                | Standridge Stadium           | 5:00pm               | 6:30pm         |
| 10/15/2021        | <b>Homecoming Game (National Anthem)</b> | <b>A Cappella Choir</b>                 | <b>Standridge Stadium</b>    | <b>6:30pm</b>        | <b>7:15pm</b>  |
| 10/16/2021        | All-Region Auditions                     | All-Region Auditionees                  | Haltom HS                    | During the day       |                |
| 10/25/2021        | All-Region Honor Choir Auditions         | All-Region Auditionees                  | Turner HS                    | Evening              |                |
| <b>10/29/2021</b> | <b>Fall Concert</b>                      | <b>All Choirs</b>                       | <b>RL Turner HS</b>          | <b>7:00pm</b>        | <b>9:00pm</b>  |
| 11/4/2021         | Cabaret Dinner Show Rehearsal            | Auditionees                             | NSHS Blackbox Theater        | 4:00pm               | 6:00pm         |
| <b>11/5/2021</b>  | <b>Cabaret Dinner Show</b>               | <b>Auditionees &amp; Vocal Ensemble</b> | <b>NSHS Blackbox Theater</b> | <b>7:00pm</b>        | <b>9:00pm</b>  |
| 11/8/2021         | Trojans Got Talent Auditions             | Auditionees                             | NSHS Choir Room              | After School         |                |
| 11/8/2021         | Poinsettia Fundraising Begins            | All Choirs                              | NSHS Choir Room              | Community            |                |
| <b>11/11/2021</b> | <b>Veteran's Day Assembly</b>            | <b>A Cappella &amp; VE</b>              | <b>NSHS Theater</b>          | <b>During School</b> |                |
| 11/12/2021        | All Region Choir Clinic                  | All Region Singers                      | Birdville FAAC               | 2:00pm               | 4:00pm         |
| 11/13/2021        | All Region Clinic & Concert              | All Region Singers                      | Carroll Senior HS            | 8:00am-6:00pm        | Concert at 4pm |
| 11/16/2021        | Pre-Area Auditions                       | All-Region Auditionees                  | Coppell HS                   | Evening              |                |

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| 11/29/2021 | Trojans Got Talent Rehearsal         | Performers                | Auditorium           | 4:00pm         | 6:00pm    |
| 11/30/2021 | Trojans Got Talent Performance       | Performers & VE           | NSHS Theater         | 6:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 12/6/2021  | Holiday Caroling & Banquet           | All Choirs                | Community/ Cafeteria | 5:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 12/10/2021 | VE Elementary Winter Tour            | Vocal Ensemble            | Community            | During the day |           |
| 12/14/2021 | Winter Concert                       | All Choirs                | NSHS Theater         | 7:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 1/8/2022   | Area All-State Audition              | All-State Auditionees     | UTA                  | 6:00am         | 5:00pm    |
| 1/18-1/19  | Dessert Show Auditions               | Auditionees               | NSHS Choir Room      | After School   |           |
| 1/27-1/29  | Crazy for You- Musical               | Optional                  | NSHS Theater         | Evening        |           |
| 2/4/2022   | Dessert Show                         | All Choirs                | NSHS Cafeteria       | 7:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 2/9-2/12   | TMEA                                 | All-State Singers         | San Antonio          | All Day        | Every Day |
| 2/22/2022  | Cash Cow Popcorn Fundraising Begins! | All Choirs                | During School        |                |           |
| 2/25/2021  | 80s Theme Skate Night                | Optional                  | InterSkate           | 5:00pm         | 8:00pm    |
| 3/12-3/15  | New Orleans Spring Trip              | Optional                  | New Orleans          |                |           |
| 4/1/2022   | Vocal Ensemble ENCORE Show           | Vocal Ensemble            | NSHS Theater         | 7:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 4/8-4/9    | (VE) Troyann Spring Show             | Vocal Ensemble            | NSHS Theater         | TBD            |           |
| 4/11-4/12  | UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest  | All Choirs                | Trinity HS           | During the day |           |
| 5/14/2022  | Spring Banquet                       | Optional                  | TBD                  | 7:00pm         | 11:00pm   |
| 5/16/2022  | VE Audition Prep Day                 | Interested VE Auditionees | NSHS Choir Room      | After School   |           |
| 5/17/2022  | Vocal Ensemble Auditions             | Interested VE Auditionees | NSHS Choir Room      | After School   |           |
| 5/19/2022  | Spring Concert                       | All Choirs                | NSHS Theater         | 7:00pm         | 9:00pm    |
| 5/28/2022  | Graduation                           | A Cappella Choir          | TBD                  | TBD            | TBD       |
| TBD        | Ladies' Night                        | Optional for all Women    | NSHS Choir Room      | 5:00pm         | 8:00pm    |
| TBD        | Guy's Night                          | Optional for all Men      | NSHS Choir Room      | 5:00pm         | 8:00pm    |
| TBD        | Pre-UIL Concert & Sight Reading      | All Choirs                | NSHS Theater         | During the day |           |

## 🎵 Classroom Procedure and Expectations 🎵

1. We expect students to be in their assigned seats with their choir binder, sight-reading materials, and pencil before the tardy bell rings. Any student not in the choir room will be marked tardy. **Please be considerate of your fellow musicians by being punctual!**
2. **Personal belongings** are not allowed on the risers (purses, phones, backpacks etc.), unless otherwise instructed by the directors. Cubbies are provided for the storage of personal items. **WE ARE A NO CELL-PHONE CAMPUS & CHOIR ROOM!**
3. We expect student musicians to be active, energetic listeners and participants in each rehearsal.



4. **Food, gum, and beverages** are never allowed in the choir room without permission. Students may only bring closed containers of water into the room.
5. **Pianos and stereos** may not be played by students without permission. The pianos are expensive instruments, not pieces of furniture. Never place anything on a piano or use them for a writing surface.
6. **Practice rooms, library, uniform closet, and director offices** are off-limits without a director's permission and will remain locked unless permission is granted.
7. We expect students to take all their belongings with them each day when they leave the Choir Room.

## 🎵 Music and Supplies 🎵

- **Choir Binder:** (provided by Choir) Each student is assigned a choir binder, but it remains the property of NSHS Choir Department. It should be gently treated. Students must not deface the binder in any way. Mistreated or lost choir binders may be replaced for \$5.
- **Pencil Pouch:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued a pencil pouch in their binder at the beginning of the year.
- **Pencils & Highlighter:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued two pencils at the beginning of the year and must always have a pencil at their seat.
- **Music:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued music and it is to be kept in their choir binder. Lost or damaged music must be replaced at the current price.

## 🎵 Attendance Policy 🎵

As a member of the choral program, you have an obligation to your fellow choir members to be at school, all outside-of-class rehearsals, and performances. You must be prepared, on time, and with the necessary equipment at each required event.

### **Poor daily attendance is not tolerated or accepted.**

1. All choir students must have excellent daily attendance.
2. **Concerts and outside rehearsals:** Attendance at sectionals, rehearsals, and concerts scheduled outside of the regular school day **is required and graded**. Absence from sectionals or outside-of-school day rehearsals will result in a reduction of grade, possible removal from performance opportunity or ensemble, and a make-up assignment.
3. Singers must call and email if an emergency causes an absence.  
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**Ms. Nolan (972) 968 – 5339**
4. A Cappella members should call or email in advance if they will miss school for any reason, including field trips, “helping” other departments, etc.
5. Examples of **unexcused** absences include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Work
  - b. Oversleeping
  - c. Transportation
  - d. Driver’s Ed (avoid March and April)
  - e. Babysitting siblings
6. **Graduation:** A Cappella members are required to perform at Graduation on Saturday, May 28th, 2022



**Please bookmark the NSHS Choir website for the latest information. You may also follow Newman Smith High School Choir on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed!**

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## ♪ Grading Policy ♪

Grades in choir are determined in the following manner:

**Formative grades** (25%) including punctuality, having supplies, energy in the rehearsal process, dedication to excellence, and *demeanor*. **Students who are prone to eye rolling, making faces, negativity, or the “lethargy of failure” will either erase those habits or find Choir very uncomfortable very quickly.** Students will receive a weekly participation grade.

**Summative grades** (75%) are generally measured as mastery in performance on stated concert and after-school rehearsals, but may also take the form of tests, quizzes, sight-reading sing-offs, etc. Students who are tardy to sectionals and rehearsals will receive a grade of 75%. Unexcused absences will result in a grade of 0%.

Bear in mind that missed rehearsals and performances are lost opportunities and can never REALLY be made up in a meaningful way; however make-up work will be assigned for excused absences only. **All other absences will result in a reduction of grade and possible removal from the ensemble.**

## ♪ Academic Eligibility ♪

Choir students are expected to maintain a passing class average in all courses. Membership in advanced choirs can be jeopardized by continued academic failure and ineligibility. A Cappella members may be moved to a different choir if they are ineligible after the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine-weeks. UIL Ensemble members (Cantori, Men's Choir, and A Cappella) no longer need to be eligible in the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-weeks to participate. **However, director discretion still applies;** If a student is not working with diligence for UIL performances, they will be given an alternative assignment, and will not be allowed to participate.

## ♪ Consequences ♪

The Choral Department normally deals with very few discipline issues. The expectation for behavior is high and tolerance for **foolishness** is very limited. Consequences include, but are not limited to: student/teacher conference, removal from rehearsal, alternative assignments, office referrals, removal from performance opportunities and/or field trips, and removal from the Choral Department. Additionally, The Choral Department follows the NSHS “Clean Slate” Policy.



## 🎵 Uniforms 🎵

Choral uniforms require a large investment. The school district simply cannot afford to replace them often. Students are required to keep uniforms looking neat and smelling good. Please notify a Director in advance if you find any problems with your uniform throughout the year.

**Do not wait until the day of a performance to let the Directors know of an issue.**

### LADIES:

**Choir will provide** a black formal gown (\$75 replacement cost).

**The student must provide** low-heeled solid black close-toed shoes. Socks are unacceptable. No sandals, sling-backs, open-toed, or sneaker type shoes.

**Appropriate jewelry:** small earrings and rings

**Inappropriate jewelry:** necklaces, watches, or bracelets

**Hair** must be in a "dress-up" style away from your face. Hair ornaments must be black and small.

### GENTLEMEN:

**Choir will provide** a black tuxedo jacket, black tuxedo pants, and black band bow tie (\$150 total replacement cost).

Men must also provide solid black socks and solid black dress shoes. Any other color or lack of socks is unacceptable. No sneaker-type footwear is allowed, black or otherwise.

### GENERAL UNIFORM INFO:

Parents/guardians are asked to carefully hem tuxedos and gowns (or have them professionally hemmed at a tailor shop), but may not make other alterations to the uniforms. **Please do not cut the hem, or use tape, glue, staples, or iron-on stitches in order to hem the uniform. These methods damage the uniform and are unacceptable.** Any loss or substantial damage to the uniform will result in a fine for the actual cost.

ALL CHORAL UNIFORMS ARE SCHOOL PROPERTY. FAILING TO MAINTAIN OR RETURN YOUR UNIFORM IS NO DIFFERENT THAN **STEALING** FROM YOUR SCHOOL!

## ♪ Choir Fee and Uniform Check-out Procedure ♪

The directors understand that beginning-of-school expenses can be stressful. In an ideal world, choral students would receive their binder, pencils, music, uniforms, bus expenses, entry fees, and scholarships for free! Sadly, the choral department doesn't have the resources to do so, but we keep our fees as low as possible to benefit **ALL** students.

- **The Choir Activity Fee:**
  - \$75 Bel Canto, Cantori, Men's Choir (1st, 4th, & 7th period choirs)
    - Includes: one uniform dry cleaning at the end of the school year, maintenance of the uniform (with the exception of hemming) music, busses, UIL/Festival entry fee, choir t-shirt, back-to-school party, clinicians, region and solo/ensemble entry fees, Holiday Caroling & Banquet ticket, and many other choral events throughout the year.
  - \$100 A Cappella
    - Includes everything listed above, plus their retreat, and one Spring Banquet ticket.
- **Uniform Fitting:** If any hemming or adjustments need to be made to your student's uniform, please ensure it is completed before the Fall Concert on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- School athletes who are in season and practicing after school will be fitted during lunches or before school by arrangement with the directors.



## ♪ Fundraising ♪

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD has many financial responsibilities. Unfortunately, there is never enough money to provide every organization with all the monies needed to be successful. The Choral Department must assume responsibility for some expenses.

Fundraising efforts help purchase new music, fund voice lesson scholarships, provide guest clinicians for UIL Choir Contest, defer the costs of their spring trip, contribute to transportation costs, supplies, entry fees, and social activities.

**Students will be provided with opportunities throughout the year to participate in fundraisers. Please help meet financial obligations by participating in at least one fundraiser and festival.**

## ♪ Auditions and Placement ♪

The Newman Smith choir program boasts seven performing choirs that participate in many of the same activities.

They are:

- **Bel Canto:** A beginning treble Choir class that focuses on basic vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading (music literacy). This choir often competes at UIL Contest.
- **Cantori:** An intermediate treble Choir class that continues to expand the students' knowledge of vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading. This choir competes at UIL Choral Concert and Sight-reading Contest.
- **Tenor & Bass Choir:** A beginning tenor/bass Choir class that focuses on basic vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading (music literacy). This choir competes at UIL Contest.
- **A Cappella:** An advanced Choir class that is truly three-in- one. Varsity Women, Varsity Men and Varsity Mixed (men and women), make up this choir and meet in just one Choir period. These singers explore advanced choral literature and continue to sharpen their skills in vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading. It



is often referred to as the AP class of Choir. The A Cappella choir competes at UIL and often other festival contests.

- **Vocal Ensemble:** This show choir is taken in addition to A Cappella. Choreographed by guest choreographers, students in this class sing jazz, Broadway, big band, and pop music all while dancing. In addition, VE performs high caliber classical chamber choral music.

**EACH** choir member is offered an equal opportunity to excel and achieve. The success of the individual is of vital importance; therefore the placement of students in the appropriately paced class is a priority of the directors. The Directors are happy to visit with any student or parent regarding audition and placement requirements. The Choral Department website also contains further details. [www.NSHSChoir.com](http://www.NSHSChoir.com)

## ♪ Parent Volunteers ♪

Without the support of parents, the Choral Department would not be able to provide all the outstanding opportunities offered at NSHS. Please consider volunteering time and talent.

**There is a place and a need for everybody!**

### ♪ Awards ♪

Students have many opportunities for individual recognition and awards in Choir. Here's a sample of individual awards student musicians could earn this year:

- Member of All-Region, Area or State Choir
- First Division at Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Solo on a concert
- Outstanding Choir Member
- Most Improved Choir Member
- Director's Choice Award



### ♪ Letter Jackets ♪

Choir students may earn the NSHS Choir Letter/Letter Jacket by accumulating 40 points as designated by the Directors. See the enclosed Letter Jacket Tally Sheet for details! Students are responsible for keeping track of points and also for costs associated with personalizing the jacket.

### ♪ Private Lessons ♪

Supplemental voice lessons are offered as enrichment to the classroom instruction. These lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the voice rather than rehearse the music a student will be performing in Choir. Participation in these supplemental lessons is optional, but **highly encouraged**. Lessons last 25 minutes and may be scheduled during the Choir class, lunch, or after school. **NO LESSONS WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING A NON-MUSIC CLASS.** Voice lessons are available only to students enrolled in a Choir class. *It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her voice teacher at least 24 hours in advance if the lesson is to be canceled, unless a serious emergency arises.*

Students will pay the private instructor directly. Cost of lesson is **\$20.00 per lesson** which is paid to the private teacher monthly. The Choral Department offers substantial scholarships to help offset the cost of lesson fees. **Please see Mr. Lucero to discuss the requirements for scholarship consideration.**

Questions concerning lesson dates and times, billing, or number of lessons taught will be handled through your voice instructor:

## UIL ELIGIBILITY AND ADVANCED CLASSES

According to SB 1517 and Section 33.081 of the Texas Education Code, students enrolled in identified advanced courses including *Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Pre-AP and Dual Credit* are eligible for exemption from the state's *No-Pass, No-Play* policy. Additionally local school boards are authorized to identify and approve a listing of such "advanced" courses and set the exemption standard students must meet to retain UIL eligibility. The courses listed below have been identified as "advanced" by the CFBISD Board and students earning grades below 70 at the end of an evaluation period can retain UIL eligibility. Students earning grades below 60 can retain UIL eligibility if they meet the following standards:

- Are not disciplinary concerns
- Do not have multiple zeroes in an advanced course
- Have made a "good faith" effort to earn a passing grade in an advanced course

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| English I Pre AP                              | French V AP LOTE                  | AP Chemistry                         |
| English I Global Experience                   | Japanese III Pre AP LOTE          | IB Chemistry I                       |
| English II Pre AP                             | Japanese IV Pre AP LOTE           | IB Chemistry II                      |
| English II World Experience                   | Japanese V AP                     |                                      |
| English III AP English Language & Composition | Spanish IV AP Language LOTE       | Physics Pre AP                       |
| English IV AP English Language & Composition  | Spanish V AP Literature LOTE      | AP Physics                           |
| English I Honors                              | Spanish III Pre AP LOTE           | AP Physics C Electricity & Magnetism |
| English II Honors                             | Spanish III Pre AP Native Speaker | AP Physics C Mechanics               |
| IB English III                                | Spanish IV Pre AP LOTE            | Physics                              |
| IB English IV                                 | Spanish V Pre AP Native Speaker   | IB Physics I                         |
|   | Spanish III Honors                | IB Physics II                        |
|   | IB Spanish IV                     |                                      |
|   | IB Spanish V                      |                                      |
| Algebra II Pre AP                             | Chinese III Pre AP                | AP Environmental Science             |
| College Algebra                               | Chinese IV AP                     |                                      |
| Algebra II Honors                             |                                   | IB Computer Science I                |
| Pre Calculus                                  | AP Government                     | IB Computer Science II               |
| Pre Calculus Pre AP                           | U.S. History AP                   | AP Computer Science I                |
| AP Calculus AB                                | World History Pre AP              | AP Computer Science Principles       |
| AP Calculus BC                                | World History AP                  | Computer Science                     |
| AP Statistics                                 | World Geography Pre AP            | Technology Applications              |
| Geometry Pre AP                               | World Geography Honors            | Independent Study                    |
| Geometry Honors                               | World History Honors              | Academy AP Computer Science I        |
| IB Math Studies                               | IB History of the Americas I      |                                      |
| IB Further Math                               | IB History of the Americas II     | IB Art/Design I                      |
| IB Mathematics I                              | AP Economics (Macro)              | IB Art/Design II                     |
| IB Mathematics II                             | AP Economics (Micro)              | AP Art History                       |
|   | AP Psychology                     | AP Studio Art/2-D Design Portfolio   |
| IB Music I                                    | AP European History               | AP Studio Art/3-D Design Portfolio   |
| IB Music II                                   | U.S. History Pre AP               | AP Studio Art/Drawing Portfolio      |
| AP Music Theory                               | AP/IB/GT Human Geography          | IB Theory of Knowledge               |
|   | AP/IB/GT World History            | IB Theater I                         |
|   |                                   | IB Theater II                        |
| Latin III Pre AP LOTE                         |                                   | Biotechnical Engineering             |
| Latin IV Pre AP LOTE                          | Biology Pre AP                    | Civil Engineering & Architecture     |
| German III Pre AP LOTE                        | Biology Honors                    | Introduction to Engineering Design   |
| German IV Pre AP LOTE                         | AP Biology                        | Principles of Engineering            |
|   | IB Biology I                      |                                      |
|   | IB Biology II                     |                                      |
| French III Honors                             |                                   |                                      |
| IB French IV                                  |                                   |                                      |
| French III Pre AP LOTE                        | Chemistry Honors                  |                                      |
| French IV Pre AP LOTE                         | Chemistry Pre AP                  |                                      |