



Judson High School Choral Department

WELCOME! We are happy to have your child in choir and pledge to make his or her experience here a valuable and enriching one! PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY to ensure a successful year for your child.

I. **CALENDAR**

See the attached calendar for the entire year. ***REQUIRED ACTIVITIES ARE IN ITALICS AND SHADED GRAY.***

II. **UNIFORMS**

The school provides your child with a formal uniform. Girls will perform wearing closed toe black shoes, men wearing black dress shoes and socks. **Men must provide their own bowtie, they are available for purchase through the choir department for \$5.**

III. **CONCERTS**

ALL CONCERTS ARE REQUIRED. Concert performances are graded as a test/major project grade. Failure to attend and perform may result in a failing grade for that nine-weeks grading period. Repeated concert absences may result in removal from choir. Concert absences may only be excused in the case of serious personal illness or death in the family. **A WORK CONFLICT OR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM WILL NOT BE EXCUSED.**

IV. **EXTRA REHEARSALS**

There are no regularly scheduled rehearsals outside of the school day. Region choir and other tutoring opportunities will be posted in the choir room. Should a mandatory out-of-school rehearsal arise, students will be notified at least two weeks prior to the required rehearsal.

V. **ELIGIBILITY**

Students must maintain eligibility to be in Chorale, Cantate, and Ladies A Cappella. Academic eligibility must also be maintained to participate in any UIL activities, Region, Pre-Area, and Area competitions, or any other competitive event.

VI. **GRADING POLICY**

Assessments vary according to the nine weeks. These may include singing tests, sight-reading tests, written work, tests, concert attendance, and classroom participation.

VII. **STUDENT FEES**

Students enrolled in choir must pay a \$20 activity fee before the first performance. This fee covers uniform repairs, social events, class materials, and a choir t-shirt. A breakdown of the choir costs and fees will be provided at the parent informational meeting and can be found on either teacher's web page.

Students with any outstanding obligation may not be allowed to participate in choir activities until the obligation is paid. Returned checks will incur an NSF fee; no further checks will be accepted and all reimbursements and future payments must be paid with money order or cash.

IX. **Student Expectations**

The following is expected at each rehearsal:

- 1) Be on time
- 2) Have music and a pencil
- 3) Listen and participate
- 4) Behave respectfully towards teachers and classmates



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Consequences for not meeting the above expectations:

- 1) Verbal/nonverbal redirection
- 2) Verbal and written warning, parental contact
- 3) Discipline referral to assistant principal, parental contact
- 4) Possible removal from varsity-level choir, or from the Judson High School Choral program

X. EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Choir Room: (210) 566-7563

Please do not call during the day to leave messages or speak to your child. This may be done through the main office (210) 945-1100

XI. VOICE LESSONS

Voice lessons area available from private instructors during the class day at the Performing Arts Center. The lessons are \$20 a week (\$80 per month). A limited number of half-scholarships are available through the Choir Boosters. If you are interested in your child studying privately, please have them ask for an information sheet and contract.

XII. PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

As of the publication of this handbook, school districts/organizations in the state of Texas are not permitted to make mask-wearing or proof of vaccination compulsory. Choir students are welcome to wear masks to any choir rehearsal or event should they choose to do so.

The JHS Choir will continue to follow state, local, and Judson ISD health regulations and policies as mandated. Any changes to policy will be communicated to students and parents.

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Learning proper behavior during a concert is part of your child's choral music education. We ask students and parents to abide by the rules of concert etiquette to insure our performers the best performance possible.

The following behaviors are maintained during a concert:

- 1) Late arrivals should wait to be seated during applause between numbers.
- 2) Remain seated for the entire concert. Leaving early is a sign of disrespect for the performers and is a distraction for the audience.
- 3) Hold your applause until the director's hands are lowered.
- 4) All children must remain seated with parents and should be removed immediately if restless or crying.
- 5) Yelling or calling out an individual's name is not appropriate in a concert. Strong performances merit strong applause; superior performances merit a standing ovation.
- 6) Turn off all cell phones and sound devices for the duration of the concert.
- 7) Refrain from talking during a performance.
- 8) Please take photographs between numbers. A flash photo will cause students to lose concentration on stage.

Student finances, calendar, handouts, and more are all available on CHARMS!

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