

Princeton ISD Fine Arts



Choral Music Department

Student/Parent Handbook

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Choral Rehearsal Guidelines:

1. Be in your place on the risers/ chairs with folder, music and pencil when the tardy bell rings.
2. You may only make markings in your music with a pencil.
3. **DO NOT PLAY THE PIANO.**
4. Do not chew gum, candy, or any other 'foreign' object during choir.
5. Show good rehearsal etiquette by being a good team player. When another section is working, follow along quietly in your music, studying YOUR part. Remain on task at all times. Do not interrupt the focus of a rehearsal.
6. Stand like CHAMPIONS! Sit like CHAMPIONS (GOOD POSTURE)
7. If you have a question, raise your hand to be recognized.
8. Put your folder in its appropriate slot following rehearsals. You are responsible for your own folder.
9. If you make a mess, clean it up.
10. Disorderly behavior and abusive language will not be tolerated.
11. This is your Choir Room!! **KEEP IT CLEAN!**
12. All students will adhere to the PISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook.
13. **DO NOT** leave your chair or place on the risers without permission.
14. Bottle water is acceptable.

Guidelines for each singer as a performer:

1. Be on time for warm-up and performance.
2. Be dressed appropriately for performance.
3. Be professional on and off stage.
4. Be enthusiastic, expressive and entertaining.
5. Strive to perform at the highest level of your vocal and musical ability.
6. Strive to musically fulfill yourselves as well as the listener.
7. Know the difference between 'competence' and 'excellence' in performance.

5. The student will mark their music and take notes as needed.

Skills (20%)

1. The student will be expected to improve individual music skills.
2. An evaluation of the improvement will include voice part sing tests in large and small groups.

Fundamentals (20%)

1. The student will be expected to improve fundamentals of singing and sight-reading
2. An evaluation of this improvement will include bi-weekly sight-reading tests.

Concert Performance (30%)

1. Students will receive a grade for each required performance. Tardiness will impact grade
2. Performances will count as major exams.
3. The number of performances vary during each grading period.
4. If no public performance occurs during a grading period, the performance grade will be based upon informal classroom performances determined by the director.

Additional criteria affecting grades:

1. Excused concert absences

These include: medical emergency, death in family, religious holiday.

Circumstances may justify an excused absence for reasons other than those listed above. If an excused absence is anticipated, a written notification should be submitted 1 week in advance.

*** Performances cannot be made up! It is impossible to recreate the moment that the whole choir experienced, therefore projects must be completed to make up the grade***

2. Unexcused Absences:

I had to baby-sit my siblings. I could not find a ride. I had to work. Etc.

If the absence is unexcused, an alternative assignment will be issued. The highest grade possible is a 70, depending on the quality of work.

The project will include a report on a specific musical topic chosen by the director.

Princeton Choir Calendar 24-25

| Date | Time | Event Name | School(s) | Location |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Aug 5 | | Staff Workday | All | |
| Aug 6-7 | | Staff Development | All | |
| Aug 8 | | First Day of School | All | |
| Aug 23 | | Handbook and Fees due | All | |
| Aug 28 | | Rollerskating Permission and \$ Due | All | |
| Aug 29 | | All Region Sign Up form due | PHS/LHS | |
| Sept 2 | | Labor Day - No School | All | |
| Sept 5 | | ??? Fall Trip | All | |
| Sept 14 | | District Audition | PHS/LHS | Wylie HS |
| Sept 20 | | Early Release | All | |
| October 1 | | All Region Auditions | PHS/LHS | PHS |
| October 7 | | Fair Day - No school | All | |
| October 8 | | Staff Development | All | |
| October 9 | | Staff Work Day | All | |
| October 21 | | Staff Development | All | |
| October 28 | 6pm | Mattei/Clark Fall Concert | | PHS Aud |
| Oct 29 | | All Region Rehearsal | PHS/LHS | Wylie East HS |
| Oct 30 | 6pm, 7:30pm | Southard/PHS Fall Concert | | PHS Aud |
| Nov 2 | | All Region Clinic/Concert | PHS/LHS | Allen PAC |
| Nov 19 | | Pre-Area Auditions | PHS/LHS | Plano Senior |
| Nov 25-29 | | Thanksgiving Break - No school | All | |
| Dec 6 | | Elementary Caroling, Galleria | | |
| Dec 10-13 | | STAAR testing | | |
| Dec 9 | 7pm | Mattei/Clark Winter Concert | | PHS Aud |
| Dec 17 | 6pm, 7:30pm | Southard/PHS Winter Concert | | PHS Aud |
| Dec 19 | | Early Release | All | |
| Dec 20 | | Staff Workday | All | |
| Dec 23-Jan 3 | | Winter Break - no school | All | |
| Jan 6 | | Staff Development | All | |
| Jan 7 | | Staff Workday | All | |
| Jan 11 | | Area Auditions | PHS/LHS | DBU |
| Jan 20 | | MLK Day - No school | All | |
| Feb 8 | | Solo & Ensemble Contest | PHS/LHS | PESH |
| Feb 12-15 | | TMEA Convention | PHS/LHS | San Antonio |
| Feb 14 | | Valentine's Day - No school | All | |
| Feb 17 | | President's Day - No school | All | |
| Feb 19-21 | | Middle School Pre-UIL Clinics | | PHS Aud |
| Feb 27 | | HS Pre-UIL Clinic | | PHS Aud |
| Feb 28 | | Early Release | All | |
| Mar 4-5 | | Middle School UIL Concert & SR | | Lowery PAC |
| Mar 12-14 | | HS San Antonio Trip | | |
| Mar 13 | | Staff Development | All | |
| Mar 14 | | Staff Workday | All | |
| Mar 17-21 | | Spring Break - No School | All | |
| Apr 1-2 | | UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest | PHS/LHS | Allen PAC |
| Apr 15-17 | | STAAR testing | | |
| Apr 18 | | Good Friday - No school | All | |
| Apr 22-24 | | STAAR testing | | |
| Apr 29-May 2 | | STAAR testing | | |
| May 6-9 | | STAAR testing | | |
| May 5 | 6pm, 7:30pm | Southard/HS Spring Sing | | PHS Aud |
| May 12 | | Student Teacher Holiday - No school | All | |
| May 15 | 7pm | Mattei/Clark Spring Sing | | PHS Aud |
| May 22 | | Last day of school | All | |
| May 23 | | Staff Work Day | All | |

Agreement Form and Handbook Acceptance Form

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND the Princeton ISD Choir Handbook. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations discussed herein. I understand that this is a performance based class and I must attend concerts as part of my grade.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Uniform & Choir Binder Responsibility

I will return the choir binder at the end of the school year, in the same condition received.
Lost or damaged binders will incur a \$5 replacement fee.

I will return any school issued uniform items, dry-cleaned and undamaged, by May 9th.
Uniform \$150.00 replacement fee.

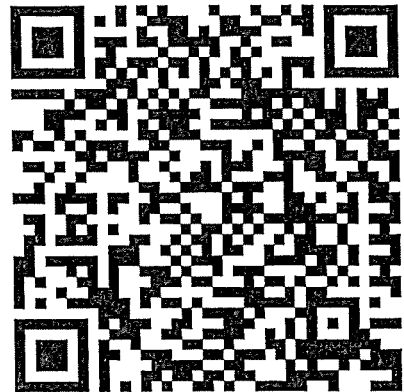
Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

DUE: August 30 to your director

Fine Arts Handbook Agreement Form

Members of all Princeton ISD Fine Arts programs are subject to the policies outlined in the Princeton ISD Fine Arts handbook. This handbook can be found on the Princeton ISD website by hovering over the parents and community dropdown at the top right of the page, clicking on parent information, and then handbooks and forms. You can also find the website using the provided QR code.



I understand the policies and procedures of the Princeton I.S.D. Fine Arts Department, I am also aware of the consequences for violating said policies. If at any time I have questions regarding the handbook, I will address these questions to the Head Director of the program or the Fine Arts Director. I understand that the Fine Arts Director and program directors will enforce these policies, procedures, and consequences.

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Extracurricular Handbook Agreement Form

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I have read the Extracurricular Student Activities Handbook. I understand that participation in extracurricular activities in Princeton ISD is subject to the minimum standards established in this handbook, and that additional requirements or codes of conduct may exist for specific programs.

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date