

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Your child is invited to join the Soaring Singers Chorus! Please review all policies and return the Chorus Contract (3rd page) no later than our first rehearsal. Thanks, Mr. Pirkle

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Soaring Singers Chorus Policies - 2026-2027

Philosophy

Dedicated to excellence, the Soaring Singers Chorus has a two-fold purpose. Membership offers professional-level instruction in vocal technique as well as exposure to a variety of choral styles. Involvement also enhances young people's lives, helping them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence in their abilities. The Soaring Singers Chorus is a performance group that requires teamwork to meet its objectives.

Requirements for Membership

1. Student must pass an audition, more information about the audition below.
2. Student must have good behavior recommendations from homeroom teachers.
3. Students and parents must commit to be a part of chorus through the end of May.

Yearlong Schedule -TBA Beginning of Fall 2026!!!!

Communication: E-mail is the most efficient way to communicate with me. I will be sending out a chorus e-mail most every week. Please check your e-mail on a regular basis and notify me if your e-mail address changes.

Audition

There will be an audition for admittance to the Soaring Singers this year. Soaring Singers will have a member cap of 45 members this year, and because of that we are having an audition to ensure that admittance is a fair process for all. The audition will consist of echo singing a one octave F major scale using Solfege (something we did often in class last year). Auditions will be graded on how well the student matches the pitches, sings the correct syllables, and their tone. Auditions will be recorded and sent to another music teacher in Cherokee County to be fairly assessed. The top 45 students according to the grading system will be invited to join the Soaring Singers!

Attendance

All rehearsals and concerts are required for participation in chorus. *Unless they are absent from school that day they should be at rehearsal.* Please make arrangements now to attend all rehearsals and performances. Sports practices/games, community and church events, or lack of transportation are not considered valid reasons for missing a concert. Your child will be excused from chorus practice if they were excused from school that day. Relay for Life Movies and Kickball games are not valid reasons to miss rehearsal.

I cannot be responsible for additional siblings or students who are riding home with chorus members. Thank you for understanding.

Dismissal

Each child is expected to be picked up promptly at 3:30 PM after rehearsal. Students not picked up by 3:40 will be taken to the ASP and must pay the daily ASP fee. During dismissal, safety is our priority. **Students need to be picked up in the car loading area at the front of the building.** Car rider signs with student's last name will be given out before our first rehearsal to be displayed on the rear-view mirror of the car picking them up. The goal is a safe and quick dismissal from each rehearsal. THANKS!

Membership Fees

Chorus is an extra-curricular activity. The school does not receive extra funds from the CCSD to cover its expenses. A one-time non-refundable fee of \$25 per student is requested to cover expenses for shirts, music, accompanist, and other chorus related expenses. This fee helps to avoid asking for money throughout the year. Checks may be made out to Hickory Flat Elementary School with "Soaring Singers Chorus" written on the memo. Online payment may be made through Graystep (look for an email from me that has the direct link to pay). Please send all donations in the provided school money envelope and have your child turn it in to their teacher or to me. Please pay by October 9.

Uniforms (performances only)

- All:** Soaring Singers Chorus Shirt (provided), blue jeans (no holes), long black socks, closed- toe shoes
Everything from the waist down must be blue/black and no skin should be seen from the waist down.
- All:** You are responsible for purchasing your own blue jeans (no holes), shoes, and black socks/hose on your own. The Soaring Singers Chorus Shirt is covered in your membership donation.



Your feet & ankles should be completely covered:

Behavior

One of the criteria for membership in the Soaring Singers Chorus is the ability of the student to commit him or herself to a high standard of behavior. This is every bit as important as a student's musical ability. If behavior becomes a problem the student's continued membership will be discussed with the parents.

Grounds for Dismissal

A student may be dismissed from chorus for the following reasons:

- Disruptive behavior during rehearsals, field trips, or concerts
- Any unexcused absence from a rehearsal or performance
- Picking up your child late from rehearsal multiple times.

Teaching your child is a privilege. Chorus is one of my favorite things about my job! I feel that interested students gain many life skills through participation in chorus. Thank you for working with me to provide the best possible education for your child.

Sincerely,
Noah Pirkle



I do not want to see this:

*** *The attached Chorus Contract must be returned by our first rehearsal.* ***

This sheet is due by our first rehearsal.

Student's Name: _____ Returning Member? _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent Guardian Name(s): _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade _____

(Student please read and initial)

- ____ I agree to attend EVERY practice and concert that I am physically able to attend.
____ I agree to be responsible and get all letters and permission slips home to my parents.
____ I agree to always exhibit my best behavior during all practices and performances.
____ I agree to always do my schoolwork to the best of my ability.
____ I understand that I am making a yearlong commitment to the Soaring Singers Chorus.
____ I understand that if I ever break this agreement Mr. Pirkle may remove me from chorus.

Signed,

____ Student

(Parent please read and sign)

I have read the above policies and agree that my child may be a part of the Soaring Singers Chorus.

Signed,

____ Parent

____ The \$25 non-refundable donation is included.

____ The \$25 non-refundable donation will be paid by Oct. 9 via Graystep.

____ I am including extra money to cover the cost of another child.

(Checks may be made out to Hickory Flat Elementary with "Soaring Singers Chorus" written at the bottom and placed in the school money envelope.)

Soaring Singers Chorus shirt: Please mark your size

____ Youth Small

____ Adult Extra – Small

____ Adult Small

____ Youth Medium

____ Adult Medium

____ Adult Extra-Large

____ Youth Large

____ Adult Large

____ Don't Need New Shirt

The following people can pick up my child from Chorus Practice:

Name - Relationship

Phone Number(s)

Please list any rehearsal or performances that you know your child will not be able to attend:
