

# BOONE CHORUS PROGRAM GUIDE

## Singing is Belonging

Welcome to the only place at Boone where you can learn to sing and perform, safely,  
in a room with all your best friends!

### WHO WE ARE:

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### WHAT WE DO:

Boone Chorus provides an opportunity for any student, regardless of musical background to explore their voice, improve their singing ability, and develop music literacy. Class activities incorporate the Florida Standards for Music and will include performing, listening, and analyzing music from different styles and time periods and developing musicianship skills. Graded performances will occur regularly throughout the school year both on and off campus.

### WHEN:

Our performance and activity calendar is online at [boonechorus.com](http://boonechorus.com). It can be added to your smart phone with a couple clicks. You should also be getting notifications through Canvas.

### WE WILL

- Teach you the fundamentals of singing
- Help you become musically literate
- Provide a family atmosphere where you feel safe to use your voice
- Challenge you to move outside your comfort zone as you learn to perform

### WE WILL NOT

- Intentionally embarrass you
- Tolerate meanness or disrespect toward your classmates or ourselves

### WHAT WE EXPECT

1. Be in your seat with your materials when the tardy bell rings.
2. Put away all food, drink, or gum before you enter the chorus room.
3. Store your phone safely in your bag during class.
4. Maintain a focused, positive, and productive rehearsal atmosphere.
5. Do better than you did yesterday

### GRADING POLICY

We use a simple point system.

- Assignments: points vary
- Quizzes: 5-20pts
- Rehearsals: 25-50pts
- Concerts: 75-100pts

### PUBLICITY

Instagram: @Boonechorus videos, photos, and sneak peaks on what's going on with the choral department!

The web: [www.boonechorus.com](http://www.boonechorus.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BHSchorus](http://www.facebook.com/BHSchorus)

### CONCERTS

Chorus is a performance oriented course. Therefore, performances are a large part of each student's overall grade. Students and parents are expected to prioritize concerts by transferring these dates into their calendars and avoiding all non-emergency conflicts. **To receive full credit**, it is the responsibility of the student to follow the proper procedure: arrive in uniform and check-in on time, participate positively and fully, and use proper concert etiquette.

**Absences:** If absent from a performance, it is the responsibility of the STUDENT to make sure the proper procedure is followed.

- An **unexcused absence** from a performance will result in a zero and no opportunity to make up the points. Not having a ride will be ruled unexcused.
- The only excused absences from after school rehearsals or performances are personal illness. In this case, please email us as soon as possible to arrange a makeup. In the case of pre-planned events, a parent email is expected at least three weeks in advance.

- **Tardies:** Arriving late to an after-school rehearsal or performance will negatively impact your grade. Every five minutes after that will result in an additional 10-point decrease. For example, if concert call is to be in your seat at 6:00 PM and you arrive in your seat at 6:15 PM you will receive an 80 for your concert grade. Plan to arrive and sign-in with your choir manager early!
- **Make-up work:** If your performance absence is excused, you will be expected to schedule an after school makeup session which will replace the concert grade. In this session, you will perform your vocal part from the concert repertoire. No makeup will be given for unexcused absences, and failure to make up will result in a zero. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

## Money Talk

**Important: No student will be excluded from chorus due to financial difficulties.** Our fundraisers are very user-friendly and require little additional time. Please make this a priority, and do not hesitate to speak with us about personal circumstances. We are happy to work with all families.

### UNIFORMS

Every chorus student is required to have a specific uniform for performances. Chorus uniforms from other school programs are not permitted. Boone Chorus has a uniform rental system to help save students money. Students may choose to purchase their uniform if desired. Uniform payments are due **September 28** to ensure all uniforms arrive in time for our Holiday Pops Concert. **All rented uniforms are due back by May 9, 2018**

#### Women:

- Women's dresses can be rented for \$30
- If a student prefers to purchase the dress, the cost is \$65, one-time, and the dress will not need to be returned. This option is financially wise for underclassmen who plan to be in chorus for multiple years.

#### Men:

- Men's tuxedos (shirt, tie, vest, pants, NO coat) can be rented for \$30.
- If a student prefers to purchase their uniform, the cost is \$65.
- **Concert Choir:** Tux jacket can be rented at no charge, however, they must still be returned in good condition & dry-cleaned by May 9.
  - Men can choose to purchase their tuxedo jacket for \$65.

### TSHIRTS

Every chorus student will be given a specially designed Boone Chorus t-shirt! Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$15 each.

### FAIR SHARE or PERSONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (PFC) - \$25 per semester

The PFC is a commitment that every chorus student makes to keep our program running. There are financial needs involved with school arts programs not provided for by Orange County Public Schools. Our thriving program has expenses including, but not limited to, accompanist and choreographer fees, clinicians, honor choir involvement, music, group travel, concert recordings, festival registration, classroom equipment, technology, and performances. Your contribution of \$25 per semester should be fund raised, paid out of pocket, or a combination of both, and is tax-deductible.

Our *conservative* Operating Budget is about \$25,000 - 30,000 per year! It is our goal to keep the cost of our PFC at an absolute minimum while still making sure that we are meeting these financial needs.

### FALL FUNDRAISER

We are very fortunate to live in a community that is very supportive of Boone High School. For our fall fundraiser, we will be selling cookie dough! Selling just 4 tubs of cookie dough would pay for your first semester PFC, and 5 tubs more covers your uniform rental. We will kick off the fundraiser the second week of school. More details to come.

Feeling generous? If you paid your PFC up front you can still fundraise to help another student!

### PAY ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD

Register for an account on [schoolpay.ocps.net](http://schoolpay.ocps.net) before making a payment. The school accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. Log into your SchoolPay account and search for **Chorus** to make payments. **Please print or email your receipt and submit to your director.**

## Boone Chorus Calendar 2017 - 2018

### \*\*\*Fall Semester\*\*\*

August 22, 5-8pm  
Mixer for CC and AW

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Fundraiser Kick-off!

August 17, 2:30-3:30pm  
All-State Orientation/practice  
Chorus room

**August 24, 6-7pm**  
**Chorus Parent Meeting**  
**Chorus Room**

August 29, 2:30-4pm  
All-State Practices (every Tu/Th)

September 11, 2:30-3:30pm  
Candlelight Video Recording

**September 16, 9am-3pm**  
**Chorus Retreat**

**September 28**  
**Fall PFC (\$25), Uniform (\$30), & Fundraiser due**

**October 12, 7pm**  
**Chorus/Orchestra Fall Concert**  
**Auditorium (Call time is 6pm)**

October 13  
Choir Festival for CC & AW  
Details TBA

November 2-4  
Florida ACDA Honor Choir

TBA, 7pm  
Acoustic Night

November 11, 9am-12pm  
Candlelight Rehearsal

**December 12, 2-4pm**  
**Holiday Pops Concert Dress Rehearsal**

**December 14-16, 7pm**  
**Holiday Pops Concerts**  
**Auditorium (call time is TBA)**

### \*\*Spring Semester\*\*

January 10-13  
FMEA and All-State

January 16, 18, 19, 20  
OCPS All-County Chorus Events

January 18-February 1  
Welch's Fruit Snacks fundraiser

**February 1**  
**Spring PFC payment due (\$25)**

February 2-3 (Time TBA)  
Solo and Ensemble MPA

**March 5, 6, 7 (Time TBA)**  
**District MPA**

April (TBA)  
Additional rehearsals for Spring Showcase will be added later

**April 16, 2:30-5:30pm**  
**Dress Rehearsal for all students**

**April 18, 1:30-5pm**  
**Dress Rehearsal for all students**

**April 19 & 20, 7pm**  
**Spring Showcase**

April 23-27  
State MPA

**May 5, 6-9pm**  
**Spring Chorus Banquet**

May TBA  
Concert Choir performs at Graduation & Baccalaureate

*\*\* Disney Candlelight and Atmospheres performance dates  
will be announced in early November*

