

# BOONE

## CHORUS

### 2018-2019 Handbook

#### DIRECTOR

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#### CALENDAR

This is found online at [boonechorus.com](http://boonechorus.com). It can be easily added to your smart phone.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Boone High School Chorus program provides a performing outlet for highly motivated students interested in becoming more involved in the art of choral music. Class activities are geared towards 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.

#### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Chorus thrives with the help of parents! Events run more smoothly for the adults and are more fun for the students. Below are some ways parents can get involved.

1. Attend the chorus parent meeting held in August. Join the Parent Support Team.
2. Attend performances
3. Chaperone field trips
4. Volunteer to help with concerts, fundraisers, measuring for uniforms, etc.
5. Help students be on time for rehearsals/performances
6. Encourage/praise the efforts of each student
7. Actively support chorus fundraisers

#### CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Be in your seat with only your pencil and binder when the tardy bell rings.
2. Put away all food, drinks, or gum before you enter the chorus room.
3. Store your phone safely in your bag during class. Mr. Pollard is not responsible for any lost devices.
4. Maintain a focused and productive rehearsal atmosphere.
5. Try your best and bring a positive attitude to class every day.

#### DAILY SKILL BUILDING RUBRIC

Points Possible	Posture	Vocal Technique	Focus/Participation
4 - Consistently 3 - Frequently 2 - Sometimes 1 - Rarely 0 - Not Using	<input type="checkbox"/> Student demonstrates an expanded ribcage, erect torso. Feet are flat on the floor, hands are at sides, chin is parallel to the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student is singing with correct vowels the entire duration of the rehearsal. Student is singing with appropriate volume, focus and placement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student is attentive and listening during instructions. Student is active & attentive to all musical concepts within the literature and can execute it to the best of their ability.

\*\*Points will be awarded based off of consistent execution in each category every day. For inconsistent performance and constant reminders from the instructor, points will be deducted.

## 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 or family emergency/life event (wedding, funeral, or graduation). In either of these situations, a *parent note* needs to be submitted at least **three weeks** in advance. In case of illness, a note will need to be submitted immediately upon returning to school from illness.
- **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 70 for your concert grade. Plan to arrive and sign-in with your choir secretary/student director early!
- **Make-up work:** If your performance absence is excused, you need to request an alternate assignment which will replace the concert grade. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Deadlines will be set accordingly and must be adhered to by the student. No make-up will be given for unexcused absences. We cannot recreate a concert performance.

## CHORUS FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

This section is meant to give you a full understanding of the financial responsibilities of chorus and how it benefits our chorus students. In short, all students are expected to fund raise for their chorus uniform and the chorus PFC or "Personal Financial Commitment" of \$25 per semester or \$50 per school year. See below for details.

**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 me about personal circumstances. I am 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 is moving toward a uniform rental system in order to help save students money. Uniform payment is due **September 7**, to ensure all uniforms arrive in time for our Fall Concert.

## RENTAL POLICIES

- Women's dresses can be rented for \$30, but must be returned, dry-cleaned by **May 3rd**. The option to purchase is not available.
- Men's uniforms (tux pants, white button down shirt, tie, black vest) will be rented for \$30. The tuxedo jacket for Concert Choir men can be rented at \$10, and must be returned, dry-cleaned by **May 3rd**. The option to purchase is not available.

## FAIR SHARE or PERSONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (PFC) - \$25 per semester or \$50 for the school year.

The PFC is a commitment that every chorus family makes to support the chorus program. There are financial needs involved with school arts programs not provided for by Orange County Public Schools. Enhanced instruction is accomplished through a budget with expenses including, but not limited to, accompanist and choreographer fees, clinicians, music, group travel, concert recordings, MPA registration, classroom equipment, technology, and performances. In an active high school chorus program like ours, a typical year's expenses can exceed \$30,000.

This fee of \$25 per semester should be fund raised, but can paid out of pocket, or a combination of both. **\*\*It is my goal to keep the cost of our PFC at an absolute minimum while still making sure that we are meeting the financial needs of the chorus program. First semester PFCs are due August 27th. Second semester PFCs are due January 31st.**

## FALL FUNDRAISERS

We are very fortunate to live in a community that is very supportive of Boone High School. For one of our fall fundraiser, we are reaching out to the community to purchase ads in our ad book, to be distributed to audience members at concerts. There are two types of ads available: business and personal. Both are available in different sizes. We will kick off our ad-book sales on Monday, August 27. All ad book sales will be due **Monday, September 10.**

Acoustic Night - Students participating in Acoustic Night will be allowed to sell tickets to Acoustic Night for \$5 each. All proceeds will go towards students and their PFC.

**PAY ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD**

You may pay many school fees online using SchoolPay. Go to [boonechorus.com](http://boonechorus.com) and click "Pay Chorus Fees" on the right hand side. The school takes Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. You will need to register for an account on [schoolpay.ocps.net](http://schoolpay.ocps.net) before making a payment.

## Boone HS Chorus Calendar | 2018-2019

IMPORTANT: All students/parents/guardians are responsible for being aware of the dates below. Please transfer these dates/times/locations into your personal calendar ASAP to prevent any conflicts. Please consult your Chorus Handbook or Student Leaders for issues concerning event absences.

*Dates are subject to change at anytime.*

*Please email [Cedrick.pollard@ocps.net](mailto:Cedrick.pollard@ocps.net) if you have any questions.*

Date	Event/Group	Place	Time
8/14	All-State Orientation/Practice (Will continue every T/Th)	Chorus Room	2:30pm-4:00pm
8/20	Chorus Parent Meeting	BHS Chorus Room	6pm-7pm
8/27	First Semester PFC due	Schoolpay	
9/5	Candlelight Rehearsal	BHS Chorus Room	1:30pm-2:30pm
9/7	Uniform Rental Due	Schoolpay	
9/8	Chorus Retreat	BHS	9am-1pm
9/12	Candlelight Rehearsal/Recording	BHS Chorus Room	1:30pm-3:00pm
9/13	Acoustic Night	BHS Media Center	7pm
9/15	All-State Test #1 (Select students only)	Evans HS	TBA
9/18	All-County Auditions	Chorus Room	2:30pm
10/9	Fall Concert	FUMCO	7pm
10/12-13	Stetson Choral Festival	Stetson University	
10/20	All-State Test #2 (Select students only)	Freedom HS	TBA
10/25-27	FL ACDA Conference	Lake Mary	
11/10	All-County Honor Choir Performance (Select students only)	Calvary Assembly Winter Park	8am-1pm
12/18	Winter Concert	FUMCO	7pm
1/9-1/12	All-State Honor Choir Convention	Tampa	
1/25	Stetson Men's Honor Choir	Stetson University	
1/31	Second Semester PFC due	Schoolpay	
2/1	Solo and Ensemble Festival	Colonial HS	TBA
2/20-22	Concert MPA	Windemere HS	TBA
4/9	Spring Concert Showcase	FUMCO	7pm
5/10	Chorus Banquet	FUMCO	6pm

*\*\*Candlelight/Atmosphere Dates will be announced in early November\*\**