



2019-2020 Handbook

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CALENDAR

This is found online at boonechorus.com. It is also on the last page of this packet. It can be easily added to your smartphone through google calendar.

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. Sign up on OCPS.net to become additions approved. 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. The Directors are 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
Posture - 2 points Vocal Tech - 2 points Focus/Participation - 1 point 5 points earned daily 20 points earned per week	<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 a 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 6TH**, to ensure all uniforms arrive in time for our Fall Concert.

RENTAL POLICIES

- Periods 3, 4, 5, 6 - Treble Voice dresses can be rented for \$30, but must be returned, dry-cleaned by **May 3rd**. The option to purchase is not available. Black character shoes must be purchased.
- Periods 1, 2 - Tenor/Bass uniforms (tux pants, black button down shirt, bow tie, black suspenders) will be rented for \$30. Black uniform shoes must be purchased. All rented items must be returned, dry-cleaned by **May 3rd**. The option to purchase is not available.
- Period 4 - Tenor/Bass uniform (tux pants, black button down shirt, bow tie, black cummerbund, black tux jacket) will be rented for \$40. Black uniform shoes must be purchased. All rented items 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 be 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 23RD** Second semester PFCs are due **JANUARY 31ST**.

FUNDRAISERS

Snapraise - September 30th

Boone Chorus Bingo Night - TBA

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PAY ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD

You may pay many school fees online using SchoolPay. Go to 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 before making a payment OR use the QR codes in this packet.



School Pay QR Codes

First Semester PFC



Due August 23rd

Uniform Rental



Due September 6

Second Semester PFC



Due January 31st



Handbook Agreement Form | 2019-2020

Student Full Name _____ Grade _____

Date _____

Class Period (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 7

For the Student: Please **initial** by each statement to acknowledge that you understand and agree to uphold each expectation.

- ____ I have thoroughly examined the Boone High School Chorus Handbook with my parent/guardian, and believe that I can follow and uphold all expectations.
- ____ I understand, accept, and will be responsible for all information and expectations, as well as the grading policy included in the Handbook.
- ____ In the event that I have to miss a performance or event, I understand the proper procedure for notifying Mr. Pollard or Mrs. Stoermer of my absence and making up the grade.
- ____ I have read and understand the uniform policy for my ensemble and will make sure I have the materials/items necessary before my first performance.
- ____ I will give my best effort in every choral rehearsal, striving to achieve my potential and a high level of music-making.
- ____ I will represent the BHS Choral program in the best way possible inside and outside of school.

Student Signature _____

For the Parent/Guardian: Please **initial** by each statement to acknowledge that you understand and agree to uphold each expectation.

- ____ I have thoroughly examined the Boone High School Handbook with my child, and believe that he/she can follow and uphold all expectations.
- ____ Together, we understand, accept, and will be responsible for all information, calendar dates, procedures, and expectations, as well as the grading policy included in the Handbook.
- ____ I will try my best to encourage and instill good communication/responsibility skills for my child to allow them to be successful in the BHS Choral Program.
- ____ As a parent/legal guardian, I will support my child in their involvement in vocal music at Boone High School.

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

THIS FORM IS DUE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2019!



**ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS!
BEFORE TURNING IN THIS FORM, SCAN THE
QR CODE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE
MANDATORY CHORUS DEPARTMENT EMAIL
LIST. IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL BE
SENT THROUGH EMAIL MONTHLY.**



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