



Harker Heights High School  
Choral Department  
Tommy Haygood & Bethany Cowan, directors

Dear Parents and Members:

Welcome to the Harker Heights High School Choral Program. Your membership in this organization proves you wish to be part of one of the finest choral programs in the country.

We are extremely excited about our upcoming year. We have set lofty goals for our students' performances, their music skills, and their level of fun. Our priorities are always to achieve a high level of learning and enjoyment for each activity.

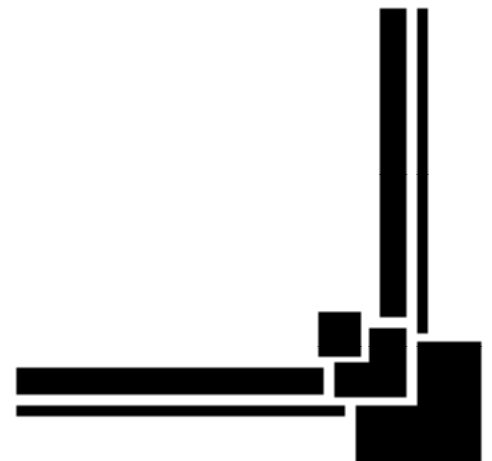
The following pages contain important information about the HHHS choir program. Please read each page carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call us.

Sincerely,

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## Choir Room Discipline Plan

The HHHS Choir discipline plan is an extension of the HHHS discipline plan and consequences. It is designed to ensure a good learning environment for every member of a HHHS Choir and to communicate clearly to all choir students exactly what is required of them during the time they are in choir.

### Rules:

1. Be respectful to all others
2. Be prepared
3. Follow directions
4. Abide by the Student Code of Conduct (SCOC)

### Consequences:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Conference with student
3. Parent notification / Conference with parent
4. Referral (Assistant Principal)
5. Demotion to lower group or removal from choir.

\*Serious infractions will result in immediate referral to the AP office.

## Grades

The following will be considered when arriving at students' grades:

1. ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERFORMANCES: Summative--65% 2nd & 3rd per; 60% all others
2. ATTENDANCE AT EXTRA REHEARSALS: Summative--65% 2nd & 3rd per; 60% all others
3. MID-TERM EXAMS: Summative--65% 2nd & 3rd per; 60% all others
4. WEEKLY CLASS PERFORMANCE: Formative--35% 2nd & 3rd per.; 40% all others
5. MAKE-UP WORK All work maximum of 80% up to two days late

1. The redo form and procedure are not applicable to Dual Credit classes as these are governed by the syllabus and overseen by the College.
2. The redo form and procedure are not applicable to UIL Eligibility concerns.
3. The student obtains the redo form from the teacher and he/she submits the FULLY COMPLETED form to the teacher, within 10 school days of the assignment being posted in the grade book.
4. Any student who wishes to redo/retake a failing assignment or assessment must complete a minimum of one intervention session during the teacher's regularly scheduled (posted) tutorial time.
5. The actual redoing of the assignment occurs in the teacher's regularly scheduled (posted) tutorial time and duration of tutorial time.
6. Redo assignments or assessments will cover the same material, but the new assignment may have a different format or different questions.
7. No redo shall extend beyond the semester grading period.
8. This opportunity does not extend to semester exams or assessments, or final exams or assessments.
9. The student will be awarded the average of the 2 grades achieved on the assignment or assessment.

## Cell Phones

Occasionally we ask students to get out their cell phones to join Remind 101 or to check calendar dates for a new upcoming event. At all other times during class **cell phone are not permitted!** A student with a phone out during class for any reason will have the device confiscated and turned into the AP. This includes looking at the phone for time. This is our campus policy, and we adhere to it.

## Choirs

**Cantabile:** Non-select group of all female singers new to KISD H.S. Choir 9-12. Meets 5th period. Attendance required at Fall, Winter, Spring, Major Works Concert, Jamalot! and U.I.L. Contest.

**Troubadours:** Non-select group of all male singers 9-12 not in Master Singers. Meets 4th period. Attendance required at Fall, Winter, Spring, Major Works Concert, Jamalot! and U.I.L. Contest.

**Kantorei:** Includes grades 10-12 women not in Master Singers, with H.S. Choir experience. Meets 6th period. Attendance required at Fall, Winter, Spring, Major Works Concert, Jamalot! and U.I.L. Contest.

**Master Singers:** Select mixed choir by audition, grades 10-12. Will meet 3rd period. Required attendance at the above listed events, plus several additional community performances: home football games, other community events TBA. All members must maintain high standards of behavior in and out of choir, and in and out of school, passing grades, and high attendance in school. Sophomores must try out for All-Region and participate in UIL Solo Contest. Students may be removed from Master Singers for excessive ineligibility, school absences, insubordination, or excessive behavior problems in regular classes or in school. Attendance required at Fall, Winter, Spring, Major Works Concert, Jamalot! and U.I.L. Contest.

**Iron Maidens/Pitch Black:** Highly select pop a cappella by audition from among Master Singers. IM meets 1st period, PB meets 2nd. Will have several additional evening, afternoon or all day rehearsals and extra performances. Members represent the choir program to the community at large. Must stay clear of all school violations, school absences, attitude problems, performance absences, extra rehearsal absences, grade problems, activities outside of school that are illegal or would reflect poorly on the HHHS Choir Department and its members. Must participate in All-Region Choir auditions and UIL Solo Contest. Attendance required at all regional ICHSA events in which HHHS is competing.

### Concert Attire

All uniforms are provided for the students by the choir department. All singers must provide black shoes. Gentlemen must also provide black socks, ladies black hose. All uniforms must be cleaned once in the middle of the year at student expense. Men's shirts must be laundered and starched professionally after each use. Ladies may wear small earrings, a dress watch, one bracelet, one ring per hand. No necklaces are allowed. All jewelry must be gold or silver, but may include diamonds or pearls. Gentlemen may wear small earrings, no necklaces. All students' hair should be neat, clean and should be out of the face. Students must pay for any lost or damaged uniform pieces. All uniforms must be returned immediately following the Spring Concert.

### Concert Attendance

The Fall, Winter, Spring, Major Works Concert, Jamalot! and U.I.L. Contest are required attendance for every choir member. Absences are excused for 1) personal illness, 2) family emergency. There are no exceptions to this. Each of these performances counts as a summative grade for each student, and each is the culmination of many weeks of hard work. Each student must stay for the entire concert. Any student absent from a concert must bring a note from the parent the next day explaining in detail the reason for the absence. The director will then determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

## Booster Club

We have a very active choir booster organization. We have already put officers in place. We will be contacting parents for their help throughout the school year. The parent organization helps raise money to benefit the choir program.

## Letter Jackets

Choir Letter Jackets are issued to members of Master Singers who meet these criteria: Each singer must:

- 1) Be a member of a varsity choir (Master Singers)
- 2) As part of a varsity choir, perform in the UIL Choir C/SR Contest
- 3) Try out for All-Region Choir **AND** perform at the UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest.

*There are no exceptions to these requirements, regardless of possible conflicts.*

*These criteria must be met during the same school year in which the letter jacket is earned.*

## Choir Shirts

All choir members are required to purchase one of the following choir shirts. Master Singers will wear these for home football games. JV will wear these for Jamalot.

Long sleeve t-shirt (\$10), sweatshirt (\$11), hoodie (\$15). Add \$2 for 2X and 3X. Choir shirts are also available to parents and family members for optional purchase.

All money for the shirts must be turned in to the HHHS cashier no later than Fri., Sept. 14.

## Window Sticker

Each choir member will be given a window decal to be placed on the car of the choir parent or the student him/herself. Additional stickers are available for other family members upon request. Please make sure these are used only as window stickers.

## Communication with Parents and Students

All choir-related information will be posted on our website: [www.hhhschoirs.com](http://www.hhhschoirs.com). This will include all information relating to All-Region music, Solo music, calendar, handbook with all necessary forms, UIL C/SR Contest, The Knight Club audition preparation, ticket information and sponsorship information.

We will send out information and reminders of all events. Emails will be sent through **eSchoolPLUS**. Please make sure you have your email address on file with the school it is accurate, or you will not receive these messages. We have another very valuable communication tool, **Remind101**. We will send reminders for every event using this powerful site. The service is free and takes only a few seconds to subscribe. All singers and parents should simply follow the instructions below:

**All choir members** must send the text **@hhhschoirs** to **81010**

**Master Singers** and their parents must also text **@mastersing** to **81010**

**Pitch Black & Iron Maidens** members and their parents must also text **@ironblack** to **81010**

## Drug Testing / Media Permission Forms

All members of extracurricular activities in KISD must submit to random drug testing. We are also occasionally on TV or in the news. We need permission to broadcast or publish students' images. We must have these forms signed by each choir member and parent no later than **Friday, Aug 31**. They are both available to print out at [www.hhhschoirs.com/parents](http://www.hhhschoirs.com/parents).

## Choir Student Participation Policy

The State Board of Education has defined the course requirements of knowledge and skills for each subject taught in the school curriculum. Included in the requirements for all secondary choir classes are performances related to classroom activities. These performances are clearly a part of the curriculum for choir. Participation by students in these activities is a course requirement, not an optional activity.

1. Students shall receive grades for participation in rehearsals and performances which involve their class, including those which take place outside the normal school day.
2. Students will be excused from participation in performances in the event of personal illness, family emergency or dangerous travel conditions. Students will be expected to notify their teachers in advance of all absences from performances. In the case of a sudden emergency which makes prior notification impossible, a letter from the parent explaining the circumstances must be sent with the student upon return to school. A determination will then be made by the director whether the absence from the performance is to be excused.
3. Performances are graded activities. Students who have an unexcused absence from a performance will receive a "zero" for that graded activity, which will be counted as a summative grade for the nine-weeks.
4. Students who are habitually absent from activities for unexcused reasons or due to ineligibility may, at the director's discretion, be moved to a lower performing group at the earliest possible time this can be scheduled. Students may be removed from choir at the end of a semester if they are unable or unwilling to participate in activities or are ineligible because of grades on a continuing basis.
5. Directors may make additional requirements of students in regard to dress, grooming, behavior and preparation for performances.
6. At the beginning of the school year, students and parents will receive a calendar of rehearsals and performances which have been scheduled at that time.
7. Each student enrolled in choir will be provided a copy of this letter and an acknowledgement to be signed by his/her parent or legal guardian and returned to the choir director.



# HHHS Choral Department 2018-19 Calendar of Events

Underlined--Required of all choir members

*Italicized--Required of Master Singers*

**Bold--Required of Pitch Black/Iron Maidens**

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Fri., Aug. 31	All Signature Packets due		
Sun., Sept. 2	CHOIR SWIMMING PARTY!!!!	7-9 PM	Lions Club Park
Fri. Sept. 14	All shirt money due!		
<b>Sat., Sept. 29</b>	<b>TMEA H.S. All-Region auditions</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Belton H.S.</b>
<i>Thur., Oct. 4</i>	<i>Home Football Game (Ellison)</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Buckley Stadium</i>
<u>Mon., Oct. 15</u>	<u>Fall Concert</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>HHHS auditorium</u>
<i>Thur., Oct. 18</i>	<i>Home Football Game (Midway)</i>	<i>7:00PM</i>	<i>Buckley Stadium</i>
Sun., TBA	CHOIR PARTY!!!!	3-5 PM	Texas Skateland
Sat., Nov. 3	9/10 Grade All-Region auditions	AM	Midway H.S.
	H.S. Pre-Area auditions	PM	Midway H.S.
<i>Fri., Nov. 9</i>	<i>Home Football Game (Shoemaker)</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Buckley Stadium</i>
Sat., Nov. 10	All-Region Choir Clinic/ Concert	All Day	Baylor University
<u>Tues., Nov. 27</u>	<u>Winter Concert</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>HHHS Auditorium</u>
<b>Nov. 28-30</b>	<b>The Knight Club auditions</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>HHHS Choir Room</b>
Sat., Dec. 15	HOLIDAY CHOIR FEAST!!!	6-8 PM	HHHS Band Hall
Mon & Tues., Dec TBA	Individual Choir Pictures	All Day	HHHS Choir Room
Sat., Jan. 12	TMEA Area Finals	All Day	Midway H.S.
<b>Tues.-Thur., Feb. 5-7</b>	<b>The Knight Club rehearsals</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>HHHS Auditorium</b>
<b>Fri.-Sat., Feb. 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>The Knight Club performances</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>HHHS Auditorium</b>
Feb. 13-16	T.M.E.A. Convention	All Day	San Antonio
<b>Sat., Feb. 23</b>	<b>U.I.L. Solo/Ensemble Contest</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Shoemaker H.S.</b>
TBA	CHOIR LOCK-IN!!!!	6-11:00 PM	HHHS
<u>Wed.-Thurs., Apr. 17-18</u>	<u>U.I.L. Choir Contest</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>H.H.H.S.!!!!</u>
<u>Mon., Apr. 22</u>	<u>Spring Concert</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>HHHS Auditorium</u>
<i>Mon. May 13</i>	<i>KISD Major work rehearsal</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>KHS Auditorium</i>
<i>Tues., May 14</i>	<i>KISD Major work reh./Performance</i>	<i>1:00 PM/7:00 PM</i>	<i>KHS Auditorium</i>
Sat., May 18	CHOIR BANQUET!!!!	6:00 PM	KCCC
<u>Fri., May 24</u>	<u>Jamalot!</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>	<u>HHHS Auditorium</u>
Sat., May 25	TSSEC	All Day	Univ. of Texas

Student Name Printed

Parent Name Printed

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### Parental Consent Form

Please sign this form below, indicating you have read the accompanying letter, you understand the information about our choir program, requirements for each choir, concert attire, concert attendance, classroom behavior, and that you will work to ensure that your student attends all required activities and adheres to all guidelines listed in the preceding pages.

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Student Signature

Parent Signature

### All Master Singers enrolled in TBI

I understand the requirements for membership in Master Singers and I will work TBI around my ability to attend UIL Contest. If I cannot fulfill this requirement I will move to a JV Choir.

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Student Signature

Parent Signature

### Master Singers / Pitch Black / Iron Maidens only

I understand the requirements for membership in Master Singers, Pitch Black and Iron Maidens. I will make sure my singer attends all extra performances & rehearsals, I will ensure my singer avoids ineligibility and discipline problems.

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Student Signature

Parent Signature