



Hughes Hawks 2019-2020 Choir Handbook

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Purpose

The purpose of the Hughes Hawks Choir is to offer an opportunity to extend the musical experience beyond that of the general music classroom. We hope to sing quality and enjoyable music that will enhance our vocal and musical talents. The Hughes Hawks Choir is a performing ensemble made up of students in grades 4-5 who love to sing and enjoy working hard to make beautiful music. Students will be given opportunities to perform in public. Overall, participation in the choir will be beneficial to all who are involved, including parents, students, faculty, and audience members.

Attendance

Rehearsal attendance is expected and required of all choir members. Our rehearsals are on Monday from 3:00-4:00pm.

Excused absences will only be considered excused if a note, email or a phone call from a parent/guardian is received. Excused absences include illness, unavoidable doctor/dentist appointments, family emergencies, etc. Please do your best to let me know *in advance* if your child must be absent from a choir rehearsal.

Unexcused absences include all rehearsals missed with no prior warning and/or no note from a parent/guardian. *Three unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the choir.*

Performance attendance is **mandatory** for all choir members. Absence from performances will be considered excused at the discretion of the choir director. *Any unexcused absence from a performance will result in dismissal from the choir.*

Behavior

Rehearsal behavior must be excellent at every rehearsal. Excessive talking and horseplay will not be tolerated. Parents will be notified with a behavior notice if their child is exhibiting unacceptable behavior in choir. Students who receive 3 written behavior notices will be dismissed from choir.

Performance behavior must be flawless. The choir represents J. L. Hughes Elementary at events throughout the year. Our behavior is a reflection of the students and teachers at our school. Choir members must be mature, well-behaved students, especially when we are performing away from school. Any discipline problems that occur during a

performance or away from our campus could be grounds for dismissal from the choir.

Grades

Every choir student must have passing grades in **every subject area, including behavior**. This means an average of 70 or above in all academic subject areas and a grade of "S" or higher in behavior. Students who are not passing will be allowed to rehearse with the group, but will not be allowed to perform at any off-campus performances. This is a district-wide policy that applies to all extra-curricular activities.

Uniform

All choir members will be asked to wear the choir uniform for performances.

- Nice black pants (no holes or stains)
- Choir t-shirt
- Tennis shoes

Shorts are not allowed at performances. Appropriate length black skirts are allowed for girls.

Schedule of Events

As events are updated emails will be sent home and the website will be updated as well.

Choir Contract/Enrollment Form

- I hereby pledge my allegiance to the J. L. Hughes Hawks Choir.
- I promise to attend all required rehearsals.
- I will maintain satisfactory grades in all of my school work.
- I will make good behavior decisions in and out of school.
- I will participate in all concerts throughout the year.
- I will learn my music to the best of my ability, and practice the choir code of ethics at all times:

Students:

It is your choice to be in choir. You must be on time to rehearsals and concerts. Your behavior should reflect a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Your choices throughout rehearsal should follow the school rules.

If you choose to not follow the school rules then you may be dismissed from the choir. Keep those grades up!

Parents:

By submitting the choir registration online, you recognize that your child is making a ***year-long*** commitment. **He or she will need to be picked up and/or dropped off on time in order to remain in choir.** We want to teach our students responsibility and timeliness. If your child is late for pick up or drop off more than three times per semester, then he or she will be faced with dismissal from the choir. Thank you for your dedication to making our choir strong and successful!

I have read the choir handbook and understand the requirements for choir and the consequences if the requirements are not met.

Please complete the online registration for choir by visiting the choir registration site at:

[Choir Registration](#)