Coyote Choir Handbook 2017-18

Purpose

The purpose of the Coyote Choir is to develop the love of music and the vocal talents of those students who are willing to participate and learn above and beyond what is offered in the general music class. We hope to sing quality and enjoyable music that will enhance our vocal and musical talents. We will become more familiar with singing to an audience, which will help our stage presence; this will help calm nerves and prepare students for future auditions and interviews. Overall, participation in the choir will be beneficial to all who are involved, including parents, students, faculty, and audience members. We want to make a joyful noise!

Attendance

Rehearsal Attendance is expected and required of all choir members. Our rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-3:45pm.

Excused absences will be counted as excused only when we receive a note, email, or a phone call from a parent or guardian. Excused absences include illness, unavoidable doctor/dentist appointments, etc. Please do your best to let us know ***no later than 12:00pm on the day of rehearsal*** if you must be absent from a choir rehearsal.

Unexcused absences will be counted as those rehearsals missed with no prior warning, or no note from a parent/guardian. ***Two unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the choir.***

Performance attendance is required of all choir members. The director will determine whether an absence from a performance is excused or not. Any unexcused absence from a performance will result in dismissal from the choir.

Pick Up Policy

Students MUST have transportation available to pick them up from choir each week. Students must be picked up ***promptly at 3:45***. The choir students will be dismissed **in the front of the school** in the car rider area. Students attending ESD will be dismissed to ESD at 3:45.

You will be required to have your car sign for pick up. If a student is picked up more than 10 minutes late, *the choir director reserves the right to dismiss that student from choir after the* ***second occurrence***. This is to help ensure the safety of all our students.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to provide a safe dismissal environment for your student. Thank you again for all of your support!

Behavior

Rehearsal behavior must be excellent at all times. Because rehearsal time is limited, we must make the most use of our time. Excess talking and horseplay will not be tolerated. If a behavior problem occurs the parents will be notified by phone, email, or in person. *Any* discipline problems that occur during a rehearsal could be grounds for dismissal from the choir.

Performance behavior must be flawless. When we are on stage or away from our campus, we are in the spotlight representing Coyote Ridge Elementary. Our behavior should always reflect how mature and well-behaved students are from our 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 **all passing grades**. This means at least a 70 average in *every subject* for the previous 9 weeks; if a student is passing at progress report time they will regain their eligibility. Students who are not passing **will** be allowed to rehearse with the group, but **will not** be allowed to perform at any performance off campus. We will send grade checks to the teachers to check for eligibility before we go on any performance trips. This is a district wide policy that applies to all extra-curricular activities.*Behavior grades are considered as well as academic grades*

Uniform

All choir members will be asked to dress alike for performances.

Cluster Concert Dress:
Boys-nice black pants, black socks, black shoes, and a white dress shirt
Girls-black skirt or pants, black tights, black shoes (closed toe shoes are preferred), and a white blouse

All other performances:
Nice jeans & student choir shirt (The choir shirt will cost $15)

Information

All choir updates, calendars, material and notes will be sent via ***email*** and updated on ***iTunesU***.

Dates

Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 3:00-3:45 when students are required to attend school, with the following exceptions: STAAR testing week

First Rehearsal: *Tuesday, September 19*
Last Rehearsal: *Tuesday, May 15th*

****All choir members are required to attend the following combined rehearsals****

Performances
November 10th, Friday - Veteran's Day Program (During school @ CRE)
December 21st, Thursday - Holiday Assembly (During school @ CRE)
January 9th, Tuesday - Hebron Cluster Rehearsal (During school @ Hebron HS)
January 9th, Tuesday - Hebron Cluster Concert (7pm @ Hebron HS)
February 13th, Wednesday (tentative) - Nursing Home Tour Field Trip (During school)
May 16th, Wednesday (tentative) - Choir End of Year Concert (7pm @ CRE)
Mid-May - NRH2O Contest Field Trip (During school)