

Broken Arrow Public Schools

Vocal Music Department Syllabus

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CALENDAR

All dates are on the Vocal Music Choir Calendar and are available at our website **www.BrokenArrowChoir.com**. It is the responsibility of students and parents to remain informed about calendar events and to report scheduling conflicts immediately to the Director of Choral Activities. **Five days prior written notification** from parents or guardians is required, or conflicts will not be excused unless they are emergencies as outlined by Broken Arrow Public Schools district policy. You may email your scheduling requests to attendance@brokenarrowchoir.com. Emailing does not guarantee your requests will be approved.

INFORMAL UNIFORM - REQUIRED

Informal Uniforms are used for performances and other activities throughout the year. T-shirts are \$16.00 (XXL, XXXL additional \$2).

Please carefully complete the attached t-shirt order form, and return it with payment.

FUNDRAISING

There will be three fundraising opportunities to directly benefit your student's account.

- Catalogue sales
- Candy sales
- Adopt a Tiger Donations
- Restaurant Nights

FEES PER CLASS

SHOW CHOIR \$1,500 Per student

TENOR BASS CHOIR \$250 Per student

TREBLE CHOIR \$250 Per student

FEE BREAKDOWN

Uniform Rental
State Choir Entry Fees
Printed Materials
Technology
All State Entry Fee
Music Purchases
Clinician Costs
Licensing
Transportation Cost
Instrumentalist Fees
Substitutes

Fees are required to participate in choir. Hardships will be considered.

Questions regarding student accounts should be directed to the BAHS Vocal Music Financial Secretary, Mesha Brown. dlbrown@baschools.org

REHEARSALS AND GRADES

- Any student who is absent from a required rehearsal or performance will have his/her semester grade lowered one letter grade per missed rehearsal or performance unless the director has approved an absence. In grades 9-12, the student may lose the right to perform if an unexcused absence occurs.

- Rehearsal grades are given daily. Vocal Music is a performance based class. Any behavior that is distracting, unproductive, or off task will result in a zero for the day. This includes any cell phone use not authorized by the director.
- Students must be passing all classes in order to compete, travel, and leave school with choir. A passing grade is 60% or higher. Failure to attend any vocal music events due to ineligibility will result in the student losing privilege to participate in choir.

FORMAL UNIFORM POLICY

All students will be issued a cleaned formal uniform. Students must perform in a cleaned and wrinkle-free uniform in its entirety. Students may not wear additional clothing underneath formal uniforms except for necessary undergarments. Black dress shoes are required. Any student who is out of uniform will not be permitted to perform. This uniform must be returned at the end of the school year in excellent condition. All uniforms are the property of BAHS Vocal Music. **The Director or Uniform Chair of the CPA must pre-approve any alterations.** Uniforms returned in poor condition or not returned at all will result in a charge being placed on the student's account.

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING

As a public institution of high school education, Broken Arrow Public Schools support and encourage its students' rights to freedom of speech, expression and association, including the use of social networks. Nevertheless, as representatives of the school, our students are held to a higher standard and are role models. Performing and competing for Broken Arrow is a privilege, not a right. In this context, each student has the responsibility to portray himself, herself, themselves the choir program, and Broken Arrow Public Schools in a manner consistent with Federal and State laws, choir program policies and regulations, and OSSAA rules and policies. Students will be held responsible for their actions when using forms of electronic communication including but not limited to YouTube.com, Friendster.com, Facebook.com, and other internet sites, as well as Twitter, Instagram, Blogs, chat rooms and other such electronic mediums. Ignorance of these regulations and policies does not excuse students from adhering to them.

In addition, students must keep in mind that all information which is posted can adversely impact personal safety, student status, and career advancement as the postings are easily accessible to reporters, potential employers, law enforcement officials, and college admissions. Students are expected to post only information and images that appropriately represent themselves, their families, the choir program and the community of Broken Arrow.

Everything posted online is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of an individual’s control the moment it is placed online – even if account restrictions and privacy settings are in place. Information (including pictures, videos, comments and posts) may be accessible even after you remove it.

These guidelines are presented as expectations for students to follow:

- Students should not post any information, photos, comments, videos or other items online that would embarrass or reflect negatively on them, their family, school, Broken Arrow Vocal Music, or Broken Arrow Public Schools.
- For safety and privacy reasons, students should not post their home address, local address, phone number(s), date of birth, class schedule, choir travel arrangements, choir hotel and restaurants or other personal information including personal whereabouts at any given time or place. This will minimize the potential of being stalked, assaulted, or becoming the victim of other criminal activity.
- What students post online may affect their future. Many employers and college admissions officers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Students should carefully consider how they want to be perceived by those viewing the information posted online. This includes pictures, videos and audio clips, comments and posters.
- Students should be mindful that internet postings showing images or language reflecting sexual misconduct, underage drinking, violence, hazing, use of illegal drugs or controlled substances may affect their status as a member of the Broken Arrow Vocal Music Program.

- Broken Arrow Vocal Music may monitor the internet sites for the sole purpose of determining whether students are in compliance. If it is determined that a student has violated these expectations, they may be asked to remove content from the website and are subject to the loss of performance privileges and other sanctions as appropriate. A disciplinary action includes but is not limited to being suspended or dismissed from the choir.
- Derogatory language or remarks about performers or directors from Broken Arrow Schools or any other school is unacceptable. Disrespectful comments and content aimed toward any student, staff member, choir, program, school district, etc. will not be tolerated.
- Making demeaning statements, physical/emotional threats to another person(s), and engaging in any other behavior that can be considered cyber-bullying is unacceptable, illegal behavior subject to punishment as appropriate and available to the district. Students who engage in cyber-bullying also risk civil and/or criminal charges and/or lawsuits that may be filed by their victim(s) or their families.

Please follow and like us at:

@BAshowchoirs @BAHSChoir

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@bahs.choirs

BROKEN ARROW CHOIR PARENT ASSOCIATION

Elections to set this year's BAHS CPA were held at the May meeting last semester. All CPA activities must be solicited and approved by the director and must always benefit the program. The BAHS CPA has already created bylaws and organizational structure. Please watch for information about dates and times of BAHS CPA meetings. **This group is essential to the success of the department.** All parents are highly encouraged to participate and offer assistance. Some skills we are seeking are sewing, photography, fundraising, secretarial, and leadership. However, your participation, opinion, and support are paramount.

CLASSROOM RULES

- Be polite.
- Be prompt.
- Be professional.
- Be prepared.

CONSEQUENCES

- Reduction in grade per infraction.
- Any cell phone use will result in a zero for the day.
- Conference with teacher and student.
- Parent conference.
- Removal from class and/or detention

Broken Arrow High School Vocal Music is a leader in the state of Oklahoma, and we are excited to continue this tradition of excellence. Your student's participation in our world class organization will benefit them for years after they graduate, and we look forward to being a part of his, her, or their high school experience.

We value the participation of our parents in all our functions, too. Please consider joining our Choir Parent Association.

We look forward to serving you and your student,

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Broken Arrow Public Schools (BAPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following people at BAPS have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: The Executive Director of Human Resources should be contacted for all non-student and/or employment related issues at 918-259-4300; The Director of Student Services should be contacted for all student issues except those related to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 at 918-259-4540. Inquiries concerning non-discrimination can also be made to the United States Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

Our calendar of events
can be found at
[www.brokenarrowchoir.](http://www.brokenarrowchoir.com)
com

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Syllabus

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Return by Monday, August 27, 2018

Student:

I have read and will abide by the policies and procedures for Choir outlined in the BAHS Vocal Music Syllabus

Student Name Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

Contact Information – Communication is key when you have a busy student who is in a performance-based program. We are using a system that will allow parents and students to enter information such as cell phone numbers, email addresses, physical mailing addresses, emergency contact information, etc. as well as detailing financial information for each student including payments, fundraiser, fees, etc.

Please log into www.charmsoffice.com and update your information.

Your login is:

Log In: brokenarrowvocal

Password: [student's ID#]