

Broken Arrow Public Schools Vocal Music Department Handbook



BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL

VOCALMUSIC

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Broken Arrow Public School Vocal Music Syllabus
2021-2022

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. Students must report scheduling conflicts by submitting an absence approval request via the website. **Five days prior submission** 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. Submitting a request does not guarantee approval.

INFORMAL UNIFORM - REQUIRED

Informal Uniforms are used for performances and other activities throughout the year. T-shirts are \$18.00 (XXL, XXXL additional \$2).

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

FUNDRAISING

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

- Adopt a Tiger 100% profit
- Butter Braids 43% profit
- Candles 50% profit

FEES PER CLASS

SHOW CHOIR	\$2800	per student
CONCERT CHOIRS	\$100	per student

FEE BREAKDOWN

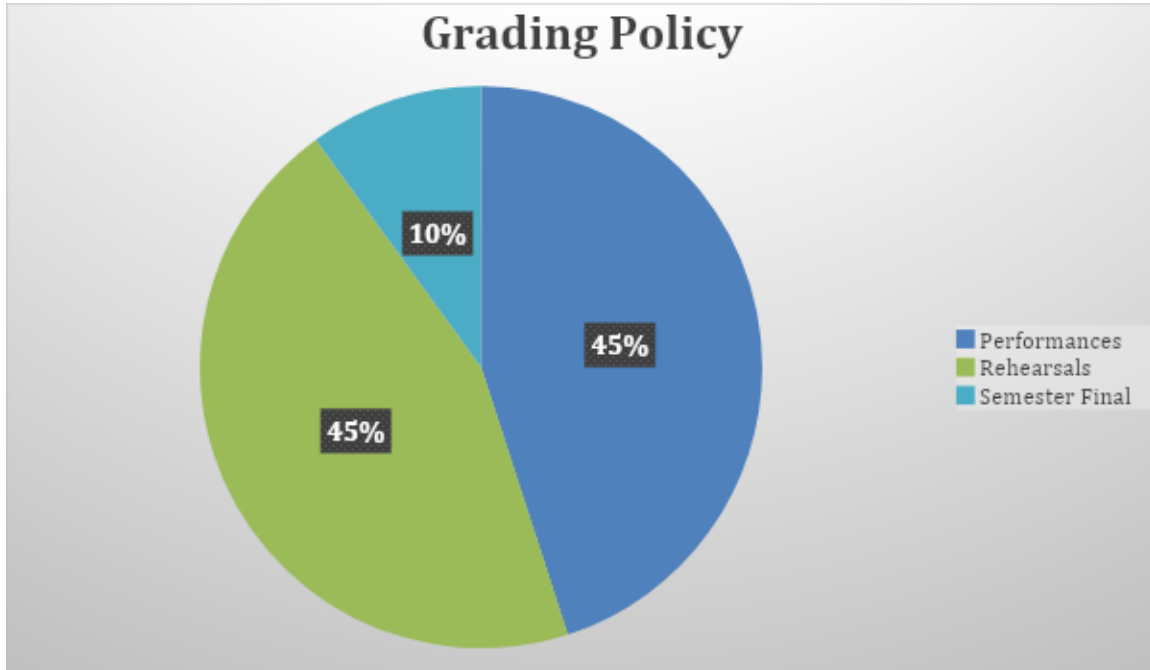
Uniform Rental	Contest Entry Fees	Printed Materials	Technology
All State Entry Fee	Music Purchases	Clinician Costs	Licensing
Transportation Cost	Instrumentalist Fees	Substitutes	Professional
Arranger Fees			Memberships

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

CHOIR STUDENTS IN 9TH – 12 GRADES MUST TURN IN MONEY TO MESHA BROWN AT BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL. CHOIR DIRECTORS WILL NOT TAKE MONEY FROM STUDENTS.

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.
- Extra Credit Opportunity and Incentive: Attend any BAHS fine arts performance or event and earn extra credit. Students must provide the director a signed program, agenda, or photo with a fine arts director. Students will be allowed one extra credit assignment per nine weeks but may attend as many events they choose in order to be placed in a drawing for a reward honoring their support of BAHS Fine Arts.

FORMAL UNIFORM POLICY

Students will perform in a choir robe assigned by the uniform chair, and the robe will be turned in after each performance. Students must wear black formal dress shoes, black slacks or black skirt, and a black shirt under the choir robe. Garments worn under the robe must comply with BAPS dress code policies.

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:



@BAHSShowchoirs



@bahs.show.choir.official

BROKEN ARROW ACCOMPANY BOOSTER CLUB (Choir Parent Association)

All Choir Parent Association 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.

Accompany is also a fundraising program designed to benefit, or *accompany*, both individual students and the program at large. Students who sell memberships to either individuals or businesses receive 50% of the membership dues in their student accounts while the remaining 50% is placed in the general choir department funds. You may find our brochure and membership application at www.BrokenArrowChoir.com. Please download these forms and help us incorporate our families and community into our choir activities.

CLASSROOM RULES

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

CONSEQUENCES

- Reduction in grade.
- 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 (see demerit policy).

DEMERIT SYSTEM

The demerit system is designed to strengthen the values of our community as well as foster a respect and reverence for one another. When a student's behavior contradicts the values of Broken Arrow Show Choir, the student will receive demerits. Students who receive 3 or 4 demerits will be assigned a school detention. Students who have received 5 or more demerits during one semester will be removed from the program.

The demerit system will contain a structure based on *minor violations* and *behavioral violations*.

Minor Violations

Minor violations are actions that cause a disruption to the community or demonstrate a lack of knowledge or concern for the expectations of the community without the intent to be disrespectful or dishonest.

Consequence: 1 or 2 points

Examples of 1-point violations

- Out of Dress Code
- Unexcused tardy to class, rehearsal, etc.
- Failure to maintain school property without intent (leaving behind trash)
- Talking in class
- Poor work ethic

Examples of 2-point violations

- Not following instructions
- Using a cell phone, iPod, or unauthorized electronic device
- Significant or repeated disruption of class
- Failure to submit an Excused Absence Request

Behavioral Violations - Removal From Program

Behavior violations demonstrate a significant lack of judgment, are dishonest or disrespectful and/or disrupts the academic environment of the school day in a significant manner. This will result in removal from the program. Infractions include but are not limited to:

- Unexcused absence from class, rehearsal, or performance.
- Drug or alcohol use when on a trip.
- Illegal contraband possession.
- Physical violence toward classmates or staff

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 Accompany.

We look forward to serving you and your student,
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Our calendar of events can be
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www.brokenarrowchoir.com

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbook

2021-2022

Return by Monday, August 23th, 2021

Student:

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

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#]

STUDENT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM
*****CHECKS PAYABLE TO BAABC*****

STUDENT NAME

SHIRT SIZE (LIST QUANTITY PURCHASED)

___ **SMALL \$18**

___ **MEDIUM \$18**

___ **LARGE \$18**

___ **XLARGE \$18**

___ **XXLARGE \$20**

___ **XXXLARGE \$20**

TOTAL PAID _____

PARENT SPIRIT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM
(this shirt will look just like the student shirts)

*****CHECKS PAYABLE TO BAABC*****

PARENT NAME

SHIRT SIZE (LIST QUANTITY PURCHASED)

___ **SMALL \$18**

___ **MEDIUM \$18**

___ **LARGE \$18**

___ **XLARGE \$18**

___ **XXLARGE \$20**

___ **XXXLARGE \$20**

TOTAL PAID _____