

Broken Arrow High School Choirs Syllabus

General Choir Rules

Be in your seat at the bell with music folder in hand and pencil sharpened. Our rehearsals begin promptly at the beginning of the period. Tardiness and excessive absences cannot be permitted in choir. The school wide discipline and attendance policies will apply in class. No food or drink will be allowed in the entire music building and PAC. Restroom use is permitted before and after rehearsals, not during.

Performances

Performances are an integral part of your learning experience and provide an opportunity for you to display your achievement. It is viewed much like a term paper or a final exam. Obviously, attendance at all performances is mandatory and is a major grading criterion. Exceptions will be made only in the case of serious illness. Your parent must contact the director prior to the performance.

Our concert schedule is posted online. Concerts are held in the PAC and admission will be free unless otherwise posted. If the event is ticketed, tickets will be available for purchase via the PAC Box Office.

Grading

45% - Performances, Contests, and Other Activities: Grade is based on the average Daily Rehearsal grade. As stated earlier, attendance at these performances is mandatory. Please schedule vacation trips around these dates. Performance absences may only be excused in the case of severe illness where the director has been made aware of the absence prior to the performance. Make-up work is not allowed.

45% - Daily Rehearsals: This is how you are observed in the daily routine of rehearsing. Your attitude, effort and daily contributions all affect your personal growth and that of the choir. A minimum of 95% classroom attendance is required for full credit. Both excused and unexcused absences apply.

10% - Semester Final: A comprehensive exam will be given that covers vocal technique, music theory, music history, and current repertoire.

Extra Credit – BAHS Fine Arts Involvement: Students may attend any event produced by BAHS Band, BAHS Orchestra, BAHS Drama, and/or BAHS Visual Art. Proof of attendance is required by asking the director who is hosting the event to sign a program or allow a photo with the choir student. 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.

Broken Arrow High School Choirs Syllabus

Music Binders

All students must have a ½ inch binder. A sharpened pencil should be kept in your folder for daily score markings. No ink pens please. You are responsible for your folder and the music in it. You will be fined for any lost or damaged music.

Uniforms

The school will provide all students with a robe. Students are responsible for providing the following:

Tops: choir t-shirt. **Bottoms:** black slacks, black dress shoes, and black socks OR black dress/skirt (not longer than the bottom hem of the robe), black dress shoes, and black sheer nylons. This is standard concert attire and it is very important that everyone looks uniform in appearance.

All Choral Union students are charged a \$100 choir fee for uniform maintenance, contest entry fees, transportation, clinicians, and substitutes. Checks should be made payable to BAABC and need to be turned into the BAHS VPA office by Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

All Show Choir students are charged a \$2800 fee outlined in their contract.

Private Voice Lessons

Private lessons are not required, but strongly recommended. If you are interested, please see me for recommendations.

Signature

I have read both the handbook and this syllabus. I understand the expectations of Vocal Music at BAHS.

Parent Signature

Student Signature