



# HUGHES HUSKY CHOIR

## Handbook 2022-2023

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Hello Husky Choir Family,

I'm very happy to be joining the Hughes Husky Choir as the director of choral activities. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students and families as well as providing amazing performance, leadership, and contest opportunities. This year's choir theme is Level Up. Our focus this year is to *always push to the next level!*

This handbook is designed to introduce you to the Husky Choir expectations and provide you important information regarding classroom procedures, concert expectations, choir fee, grading policy, uniforms, voice lessons and the choir calendar. There is also a handbook agreement form which needs to be signed and returned with the fee by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd.**

Thank you in advance for your support of this program. If you have any questions, the most up-to-date information can be found on the choir website: **[www.hugheschoir.com](http://www.hugheschoir.com)** or feel free to email me any time at [adam.frame@bisdmail.net](mailto:adam.frame@bisdmail.net)

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## **Classroom Procedures**

1. Upon entering the choir room, leave all personal belongings in the designated area. (This includes cellphones and other Technology)
2. Immediately grab all choir materials and go to your assigned seat.
3. Rehearsal begins right when the last bell rings.
4. Proper singing position is required throughout all practices and performances.
5. Follow all classroom expectations listed below.
6. Raise your hand for permission to speak or ask to leave your seat.
7. When dismissed by Mr. Frame, return all choir materials to your slot and make sure your area is tidy before grabbing your belongings.
8. Stay in the choir room until you are dismissed.

## **Classroom Expectations**

1. Be punctual and prepared with all materials.
2. Follow teacher instructions the FIRST time they are given.
3. Participate! Try your best!
4. Be respectful of all people and property.
5. Follow all district and campus rules.
6. Cellphones and technology will be left in backpacks during class.

## **Consequences**

Hughes Husky Choir will follow the Hughes Middle School Consequences Policy which can be found [here](#).

Students who need to be removed from rehearsal for excessive disruptions may be asked to complete a choir OOPS! form or alternate assignment until the director believes the student can calmly rejoin the rehearsal.

## Concert Behavior

*You model good concert behavior to younger and older audience members.  
Lead by example.*

- Be on time with the necessary materials. Students not in their designated seat at the appointed time will be considered tardy and **lose 1 grade point per minute they are late.**
- Be in concert attire (see Choir Uniforms). Uniforms should be **wrinkle free** and **clean** for each performance.
- Have a professional attitude towards each performance – **PRIDE!**
- Each choir member is **required** to stay for the duration of the concert. You may not leave after your choir is finished performing. If you leave a concert early, points will be deducted from your major grade.
- You will sit with your choir during each concert. You may not sit with friends or family, unless otherwise directed.
- There will be no whistling, yelling, etc. before, during, or after **any** choir performance. This simply will **not** be tolerated. This is not a sporting event or rock concert, so performance expectations are reserved to enthusiastic applause. Your grade will be based in part on your observance of appropriate concert etiquette!

## Concert and Rehearsal Attendance

Several additional rehearsals are scheduled throughout the year. All students are required to attend clinics and concerts. All clinics count as daily/weekly grades, while concerts count as a major test grade. (See *Grading Policy*)

Students will **NOT** be excused from clinics and concerts, with the following exceptions: • Illnesses with a doctor's note turned in the day after the concert.

- Excused absence from school on the day of the extra rehearsal or concert.
- School conflict (athletics, theater, etc.) with **prior** notification (minimum 1 week) to the director.

Students who miss a clinic or concert (for reasons other than those stated above) will receive a 0 grade. Please remember that choir is like a team sport, we need all of our members to be successful.

## Eligibility

Several contests and trips fall under the NO PASS, NO PLAY rules. Students must be academically eligible to participate in the following events:

- All-Region Contest
- Solo Contest
- Main Event Choir Contest
- Holiday and Recruitment Tours
- Spring Trip (Students must also have never received ISS or OSS during the school year.) Concerts, UIL, and Clinics are exempt from the No Pass No Play rule.

## **Choir Fee**

A choir activity fee of \$40 must be paid by each student in choir. This fee pays for: • Music Folder

- Rehearsal Supplies- pencils, highlighter, pencil bag
- Sheet Music
- 2022-2023 Choir T-shirt
- Professional Clinicians
- Guest Judges
- Choir Accompanist

We are now able to accept online payment! There is a \$2 additional charge for online payments. Link can be found [here](#) or hugheschoir.com. Cash and check (made out to HMS Choir) are also accepted. Please submit choir fee by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd**. If payment in full is not possible by this date, please contact Mr. Frame for assistance.

## **Recording**

The use of recording equipment (audio/video) and photography will be part of the promotional and instructional process of choir. Unless otherwise notified, all students will be allowed to be recorded or photographed.

## **Grading Policy**

Husky choir classes will follow the Hughes Middle School grading policy. Below are examples of the types of assignments that fall under each category:

### 50% Summative Assessment:

- Sight Reading Test
- Tests and Quizzes
- Concerts and Performances

### 50% Formative Assessment:

- Choir Objectives
- Rehearsal Etiquette
- Binder Checks
- In-Class Assignments

## Choir Uniforms

*A concert or performance begins with appearance.*

*Choir uniforms are to be worn with pride as they represent the work done in the choir program.*

*They are intended to reflect unity rather than personal style.*

**6th Grade Choir Uniform-** All 6th Grade choir members will wear:

- The 2021-2022 Choir Shirt OR Polo (provided as part of the choir fee)
- Black or brown belt (shirt must be tucked in)
- Khaki Pants
- Flat, Black, Closed-Toe Shoes (no tennis shoes)
- No jewelry

**7th/8th Grade Girls Uniform-** One of the privileges of being a member of these ensembles is the choir dress. These are assigned to each student at the beginning of the year and must be returned at the end of the year. If the dress is lost or damaged the student must pay the replacement cost of \$55. These dresses should be treated with care. Please do not cut the fabric.

- Choir Dress (provided)
- Solid Black, closed-toe, flat shoes- No wedges, heels, or tennis shoes • No jewelry, stud earrings are acceptable.
- Hair pulled back behind shoulders

**7th/8th Grade Boys Uniform-** One of the privileges of being a member of this ensemble is the uniform. Each provided piece of the uniform will be assigned to each student at the beginning of the year and must be returned at the end of the year. If any piece is lost or damaged the student is responsible for paying the cost to replace it. • Black Tux Shirt (provided)

- Red tie (provided)
- Black Vest (provided)
- Black Tux Pants (provided)
- Solid black, closed-toe, dress shoes- no tennis shoes

**In informal concerts, all choir students will wear:**

- The 2022-2023 Choir Shirt OR Polo (Provided)
- Jeans- No Holes
- Tennis Shoes

## Hughes Husky Choir Private Voice Lesson Information 2021-2022

Individualized instruction allows students to develop vocally at their own pace; this benefits both the advanced student and the developing singer. Enabling the students to reach their potential through one-on-one attention is the goal of the private lesson program. Students in the voice lesson program are given time to work on many types of music including All-Region, solo and ensemble, other songs, and are given additional performance opportunities.

Voice lessons are scheduled, as time allows, during the student's choir class once a week for ½ the class period. If there is not enough time during class to accommodate all students, then some lessons will be scheduled before or after school. Students who submit their enrollment form and initial pledge check first will receive the first choice of time. There will be approximately 26 lessons given for the whole year.

The Private lesson program is supported by tuition from you. The cost of a lesson is \$20.00 (average \$80.00 per month). The procedure for payment is as follows:

- I. The private voice teacher will send a statement home with the student.
- II. Payments are due in advance at the first of each month
- III. Checks are made out to voice teacher will be given directly to the voice teacher

### **Students' Responsibilities**

1. Attend all scheduled voice lessons. Unexcused absences from lessons will be considered actual lesson and payment will be due.
2. Notify the voice teacher in advance when you will be absent. If you are sick and do not come to school, call the front office and get a message to the choir room.
3. Be prepared for all lessons as required by the voice teacher.
4. Maintain appropriate behavior.
5. Provide payment for accompanist when needed. (details about accompanist/rates will be given in advance of any performance)
6. Participate in competitions and recitals as required.

### **Teacher's Responsibilities**

1. Be at all scheduled lessons or notify students in advance
2. Provide make-up lessons for excused student absences or teacher absences.
3. Send home pledge reminders at the end of each month.
4. Provide advance notice of upcoming contests and recitals.
5. Notify parents and choir director if any student is not fulfilling their Responsibilities.

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Steve Smith, HMS Principal: \_\_\_\_\_