| Fredericksburg FHSChoral Handbook2022-2023**Director: Ellie Parks****Room 904 / Choir Room (MS) & Choir Room (HS)****512­-387-­1466****elliep@fisd.org****www.fisd.org/choir** |
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Dear Choir Student and Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Fredericksburg High School Choir! I am so excited that you and your child have elected to participate in choir at Fredericksburg MS and HS, and am honored to be their choir director. FMS/FHS choir has an established reputation of excellence, and I am sure this year will show a continuation of that success.

As the choir director at FMS/FHS, I hope to get to know each and every choir student and parent/guardian very well. Parents/guardians, please call or email me anytime with any questions or concerns. Together we can make this program the best that it can possibly be!

Sincerely,

Ellie Parks

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**Materials**

| **Fredericksburg ISD / Choir Will Supply*** 1 ½ inch binder
* UIL Uniform
 | **Student Responsibility*** Choir Shirt
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**CHOIR EXPECTATIONS**

In choir, your child will not only develop his or her skills as a musician, singer and creative person, but will also gain the experience of working as a team to reach a common goal. In choir, students learn that hard work, passion, and cooperation lead to success. Each member must do his or her personal best in order to achieve the best possible outcome for the entire group.

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

1. Be on time
2. Have all materials
3. Participate

**CONSEQUENCES**

1. Verbal or written warning
2. Not allowed to participate. Home is called or emailed.
3. Student/teacher conference. Home is called or emailed.
4. Parent/student/teacher conference.
5. Referral and administrator/parent/teacher conference.

 **\*\*Severe disruption will result in the student being sent immediately to the office.**

**REWARDS**

* Praise
* Positive phone calls or notes home
* Karaoke or Game Thursday/Friday (last 20 minutes of class – weekly)
* Various other perks (throughout the whole semester)

**GRADING POLICY**

| Daily Grades | 30% |
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| Homework/Quizzes | 30% |
| Mandatory (graded) Performances | 40% |

**TARDY POLICY**

**\*Students will always sign the tardy log**

1. verbal warning
2. verbal warning, call/email parent
3. verbal warning, call/email parent, no singing
4. Office referral. (Student will not go on the next choir trip at this point)

**MISSED CONCERTS, PERFORMANCES, AND REQUIRED SPECIAL EVENTS**

All required performances and events are a grade. Every choir member is expected to attend all extra rehearsals, performances, and special events. Participation in every required rehearsal, performance and event will be for a grade. The director determines the validity of any excuse. In order for an absence to be excused, the student must submit a written excuse from their parent/guardian explaining why the child was absent. If the director determines the excuse is valid, the student will then need to complete a lengthy written assignment in order to receive a grade for the mandatory performance. **If transportation is an issue, please speak to Ms. Parks to make arrangements prior to the event. Lack of transportation is not a valid excuse.**

**EXTRA REHEARSALS AND/OR PERFORMANCES**

I will notify the students and parents/guardians of extra rehearsals and/or performances at least two weeks in advance so that transportation arrangements can be made. Extra rehearsals will only be scheduled during the final days before a performance. Extra rehearsals will be scheduled right after school. For Middle School, some of these rehearsals may take place at the high school, but bus transportation will be provided.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Community Performances, Field Trips, Region/All State Choir, and UIL Concert and Sight-reading (Spring semester only) are examples of special events. In order for a student to participate in any of these events, he or she must be passing 3 out of their 4 core classes, and have written permission from the teachers of the courses they are failing. In order to participate in any UIL events, students must be eligible. I will send out detailed information regarding these events at least two weeks before they occur.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES**

Your involvement in the Fredericksburg Choral Program is greatly encouraged! If you want to serve as a volunteer please make sure to submit a Vice Form first. These need to be processed by Central Office. One is posted on the choir website

**FUNDRAISER**

We will have a fundraiser during each semester. The money raised will be used for the fees involved with our trips, refreshments and other activity expenses that the choir officers approve of.

**CHOIR FEES AND UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

I would like to request that each choir member submit a T-shirt Fee and Dues for other expenses such as team building events, social events, snacks, meals and classroom supplies.

We will have the same T-shirt as last year. If you do NOT need a T-shirt, you do NOT need to pay the T-shirt Fee.

* JV Choirs, $25: T-shirt Fee ($11) Dues ($14)
* Varsity Choirs, $40: T-shirt Fee ($11) Dues ($29)

Our concert uniform expectations are as follows:

| **Fall Concert** | **Winter Concert** | **Pre-UIL Concert** | **Spring Pop Show** |
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| Choir shirtBlue jeans / black PantsClose-toed shoes | UIL Uniform | UIL Uniform | TBD |

**Please call or email me if you are unable to submit the choir fee OR any of the choir materials. Payment plans or a reduced rate can be made available! Please understand that if you are unable to pay the choir fee or purchase supplies, we will work something out, and your child can still be a part of the Fredericksburg Choral Program!**

**MOVING ON UP!**

Ms. Parks will use the following criteria to choose FHS students for Varsity Choir for Fall 2022

* Excellent attendance at all choir rehearsals, concerts, and events
* Overall positive attitude and good behavior at school
* Good grades
* Advanced sight-reading and singing abilities
* Participates in extra choir activities as they become available

**TUTORIALS / SECTIONALS**

* FHS (OPTIONAL Tutorials - Choir Room - By appointment) Mondays or Wednesdays during B lunch or after school

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**Handbook Contract**

Please KEEP your choir handbook in your binder.

**Please sign this contract, and turn it into Ms. Parks at elliep@fisd.org by August 22, 2022.**

We read and accept all of the policies in this handbook.

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PRINT Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_