

River Heights Intermediate School

Choir Handbook 2018-2019

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Welcome to the River Heights Intermediate School Choir Program! Our goal is to teach you all we can about music and help you to become the finest and most knowledgeable musician possible. We believe that if you put forth the effort, the quality will follow. The study of music can be both rewarding and fun. This handbook will be a guide to help you be successful in choir and to discover the joy of music.

Please read this handbook carefully, it contains very important information. Keep it in a safe place all year as it may answer many questions that you might have.

Field Trip Consent Form, Music Contract, and Emergency Form

You will find a Student Code of Conduct Contract, a transportation permit, and a medical release form on the last two pages of this handbook. The purpose of these contracts is to have emergency information available and to make certain that both you and your parents have read this handbook thoroughly and are aware of the responsibilities involved in band membership. This includes all rehearsals and performances outside the regular school day.

The Emergency Form, Music Contract, and the Field Trip Consent Forms must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian and returned within three school days of entering the class. Returning the two contracts will count as your first grade in the class. Those who turn in the contract on time will receive an A and their grade will decrease one letter grade every day that it is late. Students who fail to turn in these contracts will be taken out of the class.

Classroom Rules

1. Come to rehearsal prepared with a positive, supportive, and helpful attitude.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given
3. Allow the teacher to teach and the students to learn.
4. Respect others and their belongings. (This includes instruments!)
5. Always act in a safe manner. (Never sing with food or gum in your mouth, this is dangerous!)
6. Keep your surroundings clean and be organized.
7. Only music related questions are allowed during the first 40 minutes of class.

Restroom Policy

Students will be issued six passes per trimester. Students will only be allowed to use the restroom during the first five minutes of class otherwise they will need to wait until the next passing period. Students who require the use of the restroom after their six passes have been used up for an emergency will find their participation grade severely lowered. Therefore students should only use the restroom when absolutely necessary.

REQUIRED STUDENT MATERIALS

1 inch hard covered black 3 ringed binder

Plastic page protectors - recommended

Pencil pouch

Paper

3x5 Index Cards

2 highlighters of different colors

Pen

3 Pencils

GRADES

Class Participation 5 points per day (includes having materials and equipment)
After school concerts, activities, and rehearsals 100 points
Tests, homework, classwork and paperwork usually 10 points

Students who are failing band at the time of a field trip will not be permitted to go on the field trip unless a parent or guardian accompanies them.

Extra Credit

Students can attend concerts and recitals for extra credit. To receive credit, you must bring a program signed by one of your parents or guardian the next school day. Off campus performances need to be approved by the band director ahead of time to make sure that it will count for extra credit. Extra credit cannot be applied to the behavior portion of a student's grade.

Practice:

Students are expected to regularly practice at home. Recordings and exercises will be provided on my teacher site. Students are to come to class knowing their parts, lyrics, and solfege.

Ear Training:

Ear Training is an aspect of music that is often overlooked by the music student but is an essential part of becoming a musician. There are several programs that are available through the internet and at music stores. I highly recommend Eartrainghq.com. I would encourage each student to purchase one of these programs and practice it daily.

Concerts and Activities

Attendance of all dress rehearsals, concerts, and activities is required of every student. Students who cannot attend an activity, need to give the director a written note from a parent or legal guardian excusing them at least one week before the date of the concert. Late excuses cannot be accepted! Alternate assignments will be given to those students who cannot attend the concert or dress rehearsal. Students who become sick enough at the last minute that they cannot attend the activity need to bring a doctor's note. Students are also expected to attend the entire concert until everyone has finished performing. This is the appropriate etiquette for concerts. Most groups average about one after school activity per month.

Choir Activities 2018-2019

August

Mandatory Parent and Student Music Information Night Meeting Tuesday August 28th, 2018 -6:00 MPR

October

Choir Master Class Tuesday October 2nd, 2018 3:15-5:15 MPR

All students and parents need to be at our information night on August 28th, 2018 at 6:00pm so that we can discuss our activities for the rest of the year and how we are going to fund them. Attendance is extremely important!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Performance Attire

All members of a River Heights choir will need to dress up for our performances. We will be purchasing concert attire through the music boosters this year. Students will be required to provide their own black dress shoes and black socks.

If you cannot meet these expectations due to financial hardship, please notify the director immediately so that assistance can be arranged. No student will be permitted to perform without the described uniform. Any student missing a performance due to inappropriate attire will have his/her grade lowered as described above in the grading policy covering an unexcused absence from a performance.

An informal music department shirt will be made available for purchase that students can wear for certain concerts. Students who do not purchase the shirt will be expected to wear their formal choir uniform.

Private Lessons

Every student is highly encouraged to take PRIVATE LESSONS. **Nothing** can match the benefits of this type of individualized attention and expertise. You will be surprised at how much faster your skills will improve after just a few short weeks! Mr. Hartling can assist you in locating a private teacher if you need some guidance in finding one.

Student Leadership

There will be several opportunities for students to get leadership experience in band. We will be electing a president, a vice president, treasurer, secretary, and quartermasters. Student leaders will meet after school 3:15-4:15 on most Thursdays. Section leaders in each group will be appointed by the director.



River Heights Intermediate School Code of Conduct Contract

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

By signing below, we agree with the policies and procedures set forth by the RHIS Choir Program. We acknowledge that the purpose of these procedures and regulations is to create and enhance a successful learning environment. I promise to:

Please initial each of the rules verifying that you have read them.

- ___ 1. Come to rehearsal prepared with a positive, supportive, and helpful attitude.
- ___ 2. Follow directions the first time they are given
- ___ 3. Allow the teacher to teach and the students to learn.
- ___ 4. Respect others and their belongings. (This includes instruments!)
- ___ 5. Always act in a safe manner. (Never sing with food or gum in your mouth, this is dangerous!)
- ___ 6. Keep my surroundings clean and be organized.
- ___ 7. Only music related questions are allowed during the first 40 minutes of class.

every single day!

Student's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

By signing on the line below you are verifying that you have received and read this handbook cover to cover and are aware of all the concerts and activities listed in it.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

By working together we can achieve excellence!

Permission Slip

I give my child _____ permission to attend all of the activities associated with the RHIS music program.

Parent signature

Date

CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION PERMIT

Student _____ School _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your consent is required to permit your child to be transported for extra-curricular activities such as band performances, athletic activities, student body or school sponsored club activities. No student will be permitted to participate in these activities when they occur off campus without a signed permission slip.

The transportation will be necessary for:

- Athletic Activities Student Body Club Activities
 Band Activities Other (Identify: _____)

Please indicate your desire by checking and signing ONE (1) of the statements below:

_____ I DO permit my child to be transported by the Corona-Norco Unified School District or District approved charter bus service. *Other _____
 I hereby grant permission for the District to allow emergency medical treatment if required and accept liability for such treatment.

_____ I DO NOT permit my child to be transported by the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

 PARENT SIGNATURE

I can be reached at: _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

In the event of an emergency. (Emergency #) _____

After signing, please return to your child's teacher. (Note: This form should remain in the possession of the authorized district employee during all trips.)

All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the District or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion.

Paper Copy-CUM Folder / Card Copy-Teacher

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CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE (WAIVER)

For Office Use Only

Use ballpoint pen. Press hard so last copy is clear.

PURPOSE: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for student-athletes who become ill or injured while under school authority, when parents or guardians cannot be easily reached.

1. STUDENT NAME: (last) _____ (first) _____ (mi.) _____ GRADE: _____ DATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ SEX: _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ SOCIAL SEC.#: _____

2. FATHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMPLOYER: _____ PHONE: _____

3. MOTHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMPLOYER: _____ PHONE: _____

4. Name of person, other than parent or guardian, who is authorized to approve emergency medical treatment. _____ PHONE: _____

5. FAMILY DOCTOR: _____ PHONE: _____
 FAMILY DENTIST: _____ PHONE: _____
 HEALTH INSURANCE CO: _____ POLICY I.D. #: _____
 AGENT: _____ PHONE: _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me/ us at the above locations, or other person(s) named in item 4 above fail, full authorization is given for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed to be necessary by a medical practitioner; and (2) the transfer of son/daughter or ward to any medical practitioner; and (3) the transfer of son/daughter or ward to any licensed hospital or emergency clinic reasonably accessible. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required and given to provide Authority and Power on the part of school authorities and aforesaid agent(s) to give reasonable care. Facts are given below concerning the student's medical history which a medical practitioner should know.

Blood Type: _____ Allergies: _____ Allergies to Specific Medication(s): _____
 Glasses or Contacts: _____ False Teeth or Bridgework: _____ Last Tetanus Booster: _____
 Any previous significant medical problems: _____

 SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

 DATE