

6th Grade Choir Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to 6th Grade Hayfield Choir!

Below is this year's schedule, expectations, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the information as it is a great place to refer to throughout the year and has a great deal of information.

After reading through the handbook, please sign your concert schedule sheet, detach on dotted line, and hand back in during class time. The handbook signature is worth 10 points. Information is also available on my classroom website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email, or stop in the choir room.

Once again, I'm very excited for all that this year has in store for the Hayfield Choir Program and all that we will accomplish!

Sincerely,
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6th Grade Choir Handbook

2023-2024

Choir Classroom Expectations

- **Participate** to the best of your ability *every single day*
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude**
- **Be on time** for class. In your seat when the bell rings.
- Have your **materials** for class. (pencil, notebook, choir binder)
- **Clean up** any items in your surrounding area at the end of class
- **No gum or food** is allowed in the choir room. Water bottles are allowed.
- **No cellphones.** Cellphones should be placed in cellphone holder slots before class.

Goals

- Students will have musical experiences that enhance students' overall educational experiences
- Students will collaborate and create through music.
- Students will Understand the connection between music, its purpose, and cultural and historical contexts
- Students will develop a proper vocal technique working on posture and breath support.
- Students will learn to read music, including note names, rhythms, key and time signatures.
- Students will analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances
- HAVE A FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE!!!

Grading

Summative (50%)

- Concert Performances
- Concert Reflections
- Singing assessment
- Test/Quizzes

Formative (50%)

- Daily rehearsal technique (DRT)
- Worksheets
- Journal activities & bell ringers
- Lessons

Grading Scale:

A	100-94
A-	94-90.9
B+	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B-	80-83.9
C+	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C-	70-73.9

D+	67-69.9
D	64-66.9

D-	60-63.9
F	59.9-0

Concerts

Concerts are a major part of your summative assessment grade. **All concerts bolded in the schedule below are graded and require attendance.** Make sure to mark these performances on your family calendar or post them on the fridge. Concert expectations and grading rubric will be given and explained before each concert.

Excused absences: Excused absences include personal illness, family emergencies, and unavoidable family trips. These absences may be made up by an individual performance of your music for Mrs. Lynch. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. Make sure to plan ahead in clearing your schedule and arranging transportation.

Unexcused absences: An unexcused absence is an absence not verified from a parent or guardian. An unexcused absence will result in a "0" for a concert grade.

Concert Dress: Choir members should wear appropriate dress clothes for performances. It is important to look our best! All outfits must follow the HHS dress code.

Examples of appropriate concert dress:

- dress pants
- dress shirt (button-up or polo)
- skirt
- dresses
- dress shoes (no super high heels)

Course Outline

Choir units are based upon our performances each quarter.

Unit 1- Fall Performance at Field Crest Care Center

Choir basics

Unison singing

2–3-part rounds & partner songs

Posture

Sheet Music (unison & 2-part)

Solfege Scale & Hand signs

Time Signatures

Pitches (Do, re, mi, sol)

Rhythms (Quarter, half & whole note, quarter rest)

Unit 2- December Concert

2-part harmony

Musical symbols

Chromatic scale

Key Signatures

Concert etiquette

Pitches (Fa, La, Ti, high Do, do mi sol skips)

Rhythm (Whole & half rests, Eighth notes)

Unit 3 March performance for elementary

Breath Support

Dynamics and Tempo

Note Names

Evaluate performances

Historical & multicultural music

Rhythm (Dotted half & Quarter notes)

Unit 4 May Concert

Music connection to me and society

Music analysis

Form

Bass Clef

Pitch (Re fa la ti skips)

Rhythm (sixteenth notes)

Music Awards All 6th grade choir members are eligible for the following awards.

Singer of the Year: Given to one student that has demonstrated outstanding vocal skills, leadership, and attitude.

Most Valuable Vocalist: Awarded to the student that has demonstrated outstanding vocal skills.

Most Improved: awarded to the student that has improved the most vocally and musically through the year.

Unsung Hero Award: Awarded to the student that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, attitude, hard work and dedication.



Hayfield 6th Grade Choir Calendar 2023-2024

Date	Time	Event	Place
October	TBA (during class time)	Performance at Field Crest Care Center	Field Crest Care Center
December 11 th	5:30 pm	Winter Concert	HHS West Gym
March	TBA (during class time)	Performance for Elementary Music Class	HHS
May 6 th	5:30 pm	Spring Concert (with 6 th grade Band)	HHS West Gym

*The choir handbook is subject to change without advanced warning. All changes will be noted in class.