

# Hayfield Junior Choir

## Handbook

Blue & Gold choir

2015-2016



Junior Choir Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to Junior Choir! I'm looking forward to another year as the choral director at Hayfield High School. I am very excited each of you has decided to be involved in choir.

This handbook's purpose is to outline this year's schedule, expectations, class rules, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the handbook as it is a great place to refer back to throughout the year and contains a great deal of information.

After reading through the handbook, please sign the letter/schedule sheet and hand back in during class time. The handbook is available on my classroom website and Moodle. Students will also have access to the handbook on their iPad. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through phone, email, or just stop in the choir room.

I've 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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## Junior Choir

The Junior Choir is a mixed ensemble of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. The choir is split between the Blue and Gold Choirs; both meeting 4<sup>th</sup> hour for half the period. These choirs are both equal and combine for their performances. Students will perform at three concerts and will also participate in a Junior High Choir Festival. The Junior Choir will learn about and perform a variety of vocal music; developing skills in vocal production, sight-singing, music concepts, and knowledge of the connection between history, culture and music.

## Grading

### Summative (70%)

- Performance assessments: Concerts and evaluation
- Singing tests
- Test/Quizzes

### Formative (30%)

- Dailey rehearsal technique
- Worksheets
- Journal activities

### Responsibility grade (each graded on a 4 point scale)

- Behavior: In class conduct and concert etiquette
- Practice: Assignment completion
- Engagement: rehearsal and concert participation

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



# Choir Goals & Expectations

## Goals

- Develop musical experiences that enhances students' overall educational experiences
- Grow as a musician and vocalist
- Understand the connection between music, its purpose, and cultural and historical contexts
- Develop proper vocal technique
- Develop a higher level of music literacy
- Analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances
- HAVE A FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE!!!

## Expectations

- **Participate** to the best of your ability *every single day*
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude** (Remember, you cannot judge a piece of music until *after* you have performed it.)
- **Be on time** during class and concerts with appropriate materials needed.
- At the end of class, **clean up** any items in your surrounding area.
- **No gum or food** is allowed in the choir room. Water bottles are allowed.

## Music Awards

All Junior Choir members are eligible for the following awards

**Outstanding Vocalists:** Given to a select group of students who have displayed outstanding vocal skills, hard work, and dedication.

**Singer of the Year:** Given to one 7<sup>th</sup> and one 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that has demonstrated outstanding vocal skills, leadership, and attitude.

## Concerts

Concerts are a major part of your summative assessment grade. **All concerts bolded in the below schedule 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 emergency, and unavoidable family trips (made before the beginning of school year). These absences may be made up by an alternative assignment regarding the concert unit. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian to explain the absences. Remember work or lack of transportation are not considered an excused absence. Make sure to plan ahead.

**Unexcused absences:** An unexcused absence from a concert will result in a "0" for the concert grade.

**Concert Dress:** Choir members should wear appropriate dress clothes for performances. It's important to look our best!

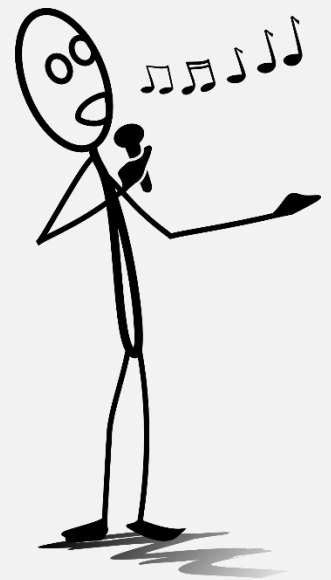
Girls- dress pants/skirt/dress, dress shirt and dress shoes (no high heels)

Boys- Dress pants, dress skirts and dress shoes.

## Junior Choir Schedule

Please mark your calendars with the following Junior Choir concert dates. All these events are required for Junior Choir members and are graded.

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Holiday Concert</b>	<b>HHS</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Middle School Festival</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>March 14<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Midwinter Concert</b>	<b>HHS</b>
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>HHS</b>



## Full Fine Arts Schedule

The following schedule outlines all fine art events during the course of the year. These events are **not** all required for Junior Choir members to attend. Although, I encourage students to attend other concerts to support and learn from their fellow musicians.

Date	Time	Event	Place
10/28	7:00	ZED fest Concert	Hayfield
11/2	7:00	HVL Honor Band & Choir	Lake City
12/4	7:00	HES Concert	HHS
12/7	7:30	HHS Vocal Holiday Concert	HHS
12/10	7:00	BES Concert	Brownsdale Elementary
12/14	7:30	HES/HHS Band Concert	HHS
3/14	7:30	HHS Midwinter Concert	HHS
3/29	7:00	BES Spring Concert	Brownsdale Elementary
4/7	7:00	HES Concert	HHS
4/9	6:30	Folk Group Show	HHS
5/7	6:00	Jazz/Swing Concert	HHS
5/12	7:30	HHS Vocal Spring Concert	HHS
5/16	7:30	HHS Band Concert	HHS