

# Hayfield Blue & Gold Junior Choir

## Handbook

2020-2021



Blue & Gold Choir Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to Junior High Choir! I'm looking forward to another year as the choral director at Hayfield High School.

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, Teams and Moodle. 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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## Blue & Gold Choir

The Blue & Gold Choir is a mixed ensemble of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. The choir meets every other day during 6<sup>th</sup> hour. 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 (60%)

- Concert Performances
- Concert Reflections
- Singing Assessments

### Formative (40%)

- Daily rehearsal technique (DRT)
- Worksheets
- Journal activities
- Lessons

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 a proper vocal technique
- Develop a higher level of music literacy
- Analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances
- HAVE A FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE!!!

## Choir 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.

## Covid-19 Singing guidelines

The state and school have set guidelines specific to singing to keep our students safe. Students will be socially distanced 6 feet apart both indoors and outdoors while singing. Students will also be masked when singing indoors. We will be singing outdoors as much as the weather permits.

## Online Expectations (Netiquette)

- Follow expectations posted above. Remember, our online learning tools are an extension of our classroom. You are still expected to be respectful and kind.
- Check in with teacher at the beginning of class
- Stay engaged
- Mute your mic if not speaking in video call
- Use chat to raise hand to share ideas or ask questions
- Only add conversation to Teams when asked. This is a space for the entire class to see important updates from Mrs. Lynch.
- Use the chat to ask questions

## Concerts

**\*\*Concerts may look a bit different this year with the Covid-19 restrictions. Please note that all performances are subject to change. Depending on the restriction at each given time we may need to alter performances as needed.**

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 individual performance of your part for Mrs. Lynch. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. Remember work or lack of transportation are not considered an excused absence. Make sure to plan ahead.

**Unexcused absences:** An unexcused absence are absences not verified from a parent or guardian. These absences will be made up with an alternative concert assignment and an individual performance of you part of the concert music.

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

Girls- dress pants/skirt/dress, dress shirt and dress shoes

Boys- Dress pants, dress shirts and dress shoes.

## **Junior Choir Schedule**

Date	Time	Event	Place
October	TBA (during class time)	Performance at Field Crest Care Center	Field Crest Care Center (outside??)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm	Holiday Concert	HHS West Gym
TBA (during school day)	9:00 am	Middle School Festival	Kasson-Manorville HS
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Midwinter Concert	HHS West Gym
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Spring Concert	HHS West Gym

Please mark your calendars with the following Junior Choir concert dates. ***All these events are***

***required for Junior Choir members and are graded.***

**\*\*Subject to change**

## **Music Awards** All Junior Choir members are eligible for the following awards.

**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.

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

**Most Improved:** awarded to the students 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.