

Sartartia Choir Handbook Addendum

About Choir

Music skills students will learn in this course

- Healthy, classical singing technique
- To read music
- To perform in large ensembles, small ensembles, and individually
- Appropriate audience etiquette at a formal concert
- Auditory skills
- Basic music theory
- Basic music dictation

Other skills gained in choir according to the National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

- Team building skills, listening, creativity, and self-discipline
- Improved ability to focus and concentrate
- Positive social skills, conflict resolution, ability to express emotion
- Courtesy to and tolerance of others

Choirs at Sartartia 2023-2024

- Beginner Tenor and Treble Choirs: those in sixth grade or their first year in choir
- JV Treble: an auditioned group of intermediate girls
- Varsity Tenor-Bass: an auditioned group of advanced boys
- Varsity Treble: an auditioned group of advanced girls

Grading

- Major Grades 50%
 - Examples: Projects, written tests, singing tests, concerts (attendance and performance), competitions, sectionals or group rehearsals outside of the school day (rare)
- Daily Grades 50%
 - Examples: Participation in daily instruction, music checks, small group collaboration, schoolology assignments

Calendar

Sartartia Choir calendar is being sent home with this handbook addendum, additionally it is posted in schoolology all year. The calendar indicates what events are required as a graded part of the class and what events are optional. Any changes will be communicated via email/skyward message as soon as they occur.

- Required Events: Students must attend these events as a part of the academic expectation of this course.
- Optional Events: Students may choose to attend these events if they are academically eligible (not failing any classes) and demonstrate excellent behavior each day in class.

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Concerts/Contests

Performance and attendance in concerts and contest are a required part of this class's grade according to FBISD Choir Hand Book as well as the state's requirements for this course. Students must attend the entire concert. Unexcused absences for these events will result in failing the major grade.

There are exceptions that are excused absences including a medical emergency, death in the family, or religious holiday. Conflict with another Sartartia game or performance must be communicated with Miss Grider and the other coach/director involved as soon as possible. Written communication from parents or appropriate school staff is required. Failure to communicate an excused absence is an unexcused absence.

Choir Fees/Uniforms

Students who participate in choir are required to pay a fee that helps mitigate program costs throughout the year. Fees can be paid through rev-trak. *If your family is unable to afford the cost of choir please communicate with Miss Grider as soon as possible.*

Beginner Choir: \$40 Fee

Class Fee:

- T-shirt (informal uniform)
 - Students must purchase their own jeans that have no rips or holes to wear
- Contest Entry Fees/Transportation
- Class materials
- In-house social events

The winter concert will be a formal concert and students will need to have appropriate clothes for this event.

- Black dress pants or long skirt
- Black or white dress shirt or blouse, ties optional
- Black, flat, closed-toed dress shoes (no tennis shoes, heels, or boots)

JV & Varsity Choirs: \$70 Fee

Class Fee:

- T-shirt (informal uniform)
 - Students must purchase their own jeans that have no rips or holes to wear
- Contest Entry Fees/Transportation
- Class materials
- In-house social events
- Treble Choirs- formal black dress. *Black, closed-toed flats must be purchased on your own.*
- Tenor Bass Choirs- black vest, pants, tie, and white collared shirt. *Black dress shoes and black socks must be purchased on your own.*

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Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to abide by the FBISD and Sartartia MS Student Code of Conduct at all times. Below are some daily expectations specific to choir:

- Walk at all times
- Treat all equipment with respect (iPads, chairs, risers, folder cabinets)
- Be in class on time. On time means your body is inside the room and you are already in your seat with materials or quickly moving in that direction. **Tardy means your body is not inside the room when the bell rings.**
- Keep hands, feet, books, objects to yourself
- Follow the instructions of any FBISD staff member or parent chaperone in and out of the classroom
- Cell phones should not be in the room- they should be in student lockers as per school policy
- Come to class ready to learn- this means participation in 100% of the class without being a disruption or distraction to others.

Failure to follow classroom expectations will result in

1. The teacher re-directing the student to be on task and/or participate appropriately
2. A one-on-one conversation about behavior after class
3. Communication with parents about continued misbehavior
4. Write up to grade level principal and communication with parents.

Keep in mind that the severity of the misbehavior can automatically result in a write up without the previous three steps.

Students who do not consistently demonstrate appropriate behavior may lose the privilege of representing Sartartia at off campus events, contests, trips, or socials including but not limited to UIL Concert and Sight Reading, Singing the National Anthem at Space Cowboys or Houston Dynamo, or end of year field trips.

Other Trips/Socials/Optional Contests

These other events will be optional and sometimes require an additional cost or academic eligibility. Students must also consistently demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior in order to have the privilege of traveling with choir for other trips, socials, and contests.

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This addendum is specific to Sartartia Choir- for the complete FBISD handbook for choir please see schoology. It will remain posted there throughout the year.