Travis High School Choir  
Classroom Expectations and Important Events  
Timothy Kilgore, Director  

Room I-126 Choir Room  
Conference: 7th period 2:10 - 2:40 pm  
Phone: 281-634-7084  
Tutorials: Tues/Thurs 2:50 - 3:50 pm  

I. Classroom Expectations  
A. Be on Time with Materials (on choral risers w/binder, music and pencil)  
B. Respect self, others and others' property  
C. No food, crink, gum or candy in the choir room (No Vocal Inhibitors!)  
D. Raise your hand to be acknowledged  
E. Participate enthusiastically  

II. Materials  
A. Materials/Activity/Uniform usage fee: $35.00 (Due ASAP Aug 29th at the latest)  
B. Black binder, sharpened pencil, notebook paper (all provided)  
C. Sheet Music and Sight-reading materials as given  
D. If music/materials are lost, you may be required to pay replacement fee  
E. A spiral notebook  

III. Grading  
A. Students will be graded on musicianship with regard to proper vocal techniques as well as music theory  
B. Students will be graded on sight-reading, use of Curwen hand-signs as well as ear-training  
C. Daily classroom participation as well as mandatory concerts and rehearsals  
   1. Unexcused absence from rehearsals (two daily grades of zero per rehearsal)  
   2. Unexcused absence from performances (two major grades of zero per performance)  
   3. Excused absence is one that director has previous knowledge in written form  
      a. Director decides whether excused absence is acceptable  
      b. Work or birthday party, for instance, is NOT a valid excuse  
      c. Life-threatening illness or death in family, for instance, would be considered as “excused” (need parent communication)  
      d. Excused absences will require make-up assignment. Student is responsible for acquiring assignment from the teacher and returning by due date as assigned  
   4. After School Rehearsal—Sectionals (separate schedule will be made available)  
      *per voice part at least twice/month You will be provided a schedule  
   5. VARSITY CHORALE & BELLAVOCE: required District/Region Choir Auditions ($25.00 fee due NOW) Please have fee by the end of the week at the latest (Sept 4th). Auditions are on Sept 21, 2019 (get music ASAP!!!)  

IV. Uniforms  
A. Varsity Mixed Chorale and Bella Voce members may be required to purchase special uniforms  
B. Treble Concert Women and Concert Mixed Choir  
   *School-provided uniform (black and/or red dresses and tuxedos)  
   *You will need to provide black shoes/hosiery  
C. Choir T-shirt (may also be used as uniform) Cost: $15.00 (Due ASAP-Aug. 29th)  
   (Total fees with T-shirt $50.00) add $25.00 if you are doing Region Auditions (total 75.00)  

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**V. Important Dates 2019 * 2020** (not a complete list–look out for monthly updates for activities calendar)

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<td>Choir Breakfast Social</td>
<td>Thursday 6:45 to 7:20 AM</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Participants must have all paperwork and fees turned on or before that day in order to participate</td>
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<td>SEPT. 4th</td>
<td>District Choir fees/registration DUE</td>
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<td>21st District Choir Auditions: September 17th Austin HS FBISD</td>
<td>Entry Deadline Sept 4th $25.00 (Varsity Chorale / Bella Voce required)</td>
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<td><em>Pick up region music and music will be emailed or you can bring a flash drive</em></td>
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<td><strong>Optional rehearsals for Region Choir after school</strong> SEE WHITEBOARD</td>
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<td>24th Required after school rehearsal 2:50 to 4 PM Bellavoce and Varsity Mixed Choirs</td>
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| OCT. | REQUIRED Rehearsal for ALL CHOIRS-- run through for concert 3PM - 4:30PM |
| 2nd  |                                                                           |
| 3rd  | FALL CONCERT 6:30 (be here at 5:45pm) THS Auditorium (Mandatory performance) |
|      | Attire: ALL Black (no jeans or flip flops) (uninterrupted black) school appropriate attire |
| 19th | Region Choir Auditions Dulles High School (FBISD) (only those who qualified at District) 8AM |
| 29th | Social (Movie Night) (tentative) THS Choir Room 3PM to 5:30 PM |

| NOV. | Region Choir Rehearsal (Rehearsal 9AM- 3PM Faith United Methodist)  |
| 1st  | Region Choir Clinic and CONCERT (rehearsal 9am-3pm; Concert at 4pm— both @ BUSH HS) |
| 2nd  |                                                                           |
| 7th  | FBISD Men's Fest ( rehearsal during school day at Austin HS) Concert at DULLES HS 6:30 PM |
| 19th | Required Rehearsal ALL Choirs 2:50 to 4:30 PM                           |
| 21st | PRE-AREA Contest AUDITIONS 4PM Clements HS (only those qualified at Region) |

| DEC. | All Choirs Rehearsal after school 3-5pm REQUIRED runthrough for concert |
| 4th  |                                                                           |
| 5th  | Travis High School and Bowie Middle School Joint Holiday Concert (6:30PM) |
| 6th  | Holiday Choir Tour/CASA Home Tour December 6th (Varsity Choirs) Varsity Choirs Only |
| 10th | Holiday Gift Exchange and Choir Social                                   |
| 13th | FEES DUE—$15.00 per event— for Solo and Ensemble February 8th contest date |
|      | Bella Voce and Varsity Chorale -- Required                              |
JAN.

7th  Last Day for fees for Solo and Ensemble (BellaVoce and Varsity Chorale Required)
11th  Area All-State Auditions  Ridgepoint High School  (only those who qualified at Pre-Area)
14th  After School Rehearsal for – Bella Voce and Mixed Choirs 2:50 to 3:50 PM; 3:50-4:45PM
16th  After School Rehearsal for  Treble/Mixed Concert Choirs 2:50 to 4:20 PM

FEB.

4th-7th  Rehearsal with Accompanist for Solo/Ensemble (sign up for times)
8th  UIL SOLO & ENSEMBLE Contest—Baines MS  (All Varsity Choirs Required)
10th  *Required rehearsal for participants on FEB 10th after school for Jazz & Java “Love Cafe”
11th  Singing Valentines Fundraiser February 14th, 2017 All-Day
11th  Performance Jazz & Java “Love Cafe”
12th-15th  All-State Choir/TMEA Convention  San Antonio—

18-19  Required Choir Rehearsals Feb. 21 and 22, after school 2:50-4PM
25-26  Required Choir Rehearsals Feb. 27th & 28th, after school 2:50-4PM

MARCH

3-4  Required Choir Rehearsal after school 2:50-4:00 PM
9-13  SPRING BREAK  MARCH 9-13
24-25  Required Choir Rehearsal after school 2:45-5 PM
30-31  PRE-UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest March 30-31  Christ UMC  (Mandatory)

APR.

7-8  Required Choir Rehearsal, 2:45-4:30PM
14-15  Required Rehearsal for UIL 2:45-5PM
20  Required Rehearsal for UIL 2:50 - 5PM

21-22nd  UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest April 11-12  Christ UMC Sugarland  (Mandatory)
23-25 Spring Trip/ Music Festival  -??  (Tentative)

MAY

13  Spring Concert Rehearsal  2:30-5:30 PM Required
14  Spring Concert  (6:30 PM Commons/ THS Auditorium)

Graduation  May 29 or 30th

# all performances will certainly include rehearsal days prior to performance dates
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Grading

Learning objectives are based on performance skills, responsibility, and participation. Therefore, students are expected to fulfill individual as well as group responsibilities.

Since choir is a performance based course and a team activity, all students are required to attend all performances and rehearsals. Therefore, students may have points deducted as follows:

- Unexcused absence from rehearsals that are extensions of classroom activities such as section rehearsals = double daily grade
- Unexcused absence from a performance that is an extension of classroom activities, such as school concerts, which do not meet the definition of

*While proper conduct and academic eligibility is expected from all choir team members, students in Varsity-level choirs such as Chorale and BellaVoce must especially maintain appropriate conduct as well as passing grades in order to participate in choir activities and competitions. If student is not able to maintain passing grades, eligibility and required rehearsals/auditions/performances, he or she may be moved to a better-levelled, non-varsity choir class. Again, all choirs are expected to maintain eligibility as well as attend all required rehearsals and performances.

Private Instruction Program

Fort Bend Independent School District’s Department of Fine Arts has an approved private lesson program that is conducted before school, after school, and during student lunch periods, using the following guidelines:

- Students may take one 30-minute lesson per week for a fee not to exceed $20.00 for experienced teachers, $17.00 for inexperienced teachers, and $12.00 for high school students teaching middle school students. A fee not to exceed $23.00 may be charged by instructors offering weekly, 30-minute private lessons in “hard-to-fill” positions, as defined by the Director of Fine Arts. Students are not permitted to take private lessons during the instructional school day.

- Private instruction time will be assigned to students on a first come, first served basis, with no regard to ability. Students may request lesson times and private instructors will make every effort to accommodate student requests when scheduling lessons; however, specific lesson times cannot be guaranteed.

School-Owned Equipment

The choir member is financially responsible for all equipment and/or materials checked out to him/her for their personal use. Equipment is to be used, not abused. No charge will be made to the student if the equipment becomes damaged due to normal wear and tear. However, damages caused by fire, theft, or abuse will be charged to the student.

- All equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location when not in use.
Awards

Awards will be presented to choir students based on a point system for participation and service.

- Freshman Region Choir 3 points
- District Choir 2 points
- Region Choir 3 points
- Area Choir 4 points
- All State Choir 15 points
- U.I.L. Solo (Division I) 3 points
- U.I.L. Ensemble 2 points
- State Solo (Division I) 6 points
- State Ensemble (Division I) 4 points
- Musical Performance
  - A Lead Role 5 points
  - A Chorus Part 2 points
- Senior 10 points
- Participation each year 2 points

15 POINTS = AWARD JACKET/BLANKET/SWEATER

A student may receive only one major award for combined activities during his/her four years in high school and no more than one award per year for participation in the same organization.

It should be understood by both parent and student that competition choirs do some out of district travelling (the varsity groups more than others travel and are required to do competitions) and that students who participate in these organizations must also participate in the competitions and therefore, travel if needed.

If the student and the parents do not want the student to compete and travel, the student should register for a choir that does not compete and travel so extensively. There is a choir for everyone!

All choir members represent the school and community and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with the following regulations when traveling in or out of the district.

- Be on time for all trips
- Dress as directed
- Be mannerly
- Avoid excessive noise on the bus
- Return on the same bus
- Return equipment to its proper storage place on returning to school

If a student is required to leave from an event or activity, the parent/guardian of the student must provide written notification to the instructor prior to the student leaving. The student may leave ONLY with that parent/guardian as stated in the written notification. STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE WITH ANYONE EXCEPT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. A telephone call confirming the written notification is also desired.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parent(s) Name(s): (please print) __________________________________________________________

Student(s) Name(s): ________________________________________________________________

Phone: (Home) ____________________________ (Cell) ____________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________

May we text you? Circle Y or N

PLEASE CHECK OR MARK “X” NEXT TO THE AREA OF NEED YOU WILL BE WILLING TO
HELP VOLUNTEER (WE CAN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!)

Uniforms

☐ Fittings
☐ Repairs/Alterations (sewing/steaming)

Music Productions

☐ Set-up/Backstage
☐ Costumes
☐ Props
☐ Ticket sales during lunch
☐ Ticket sales/concessions at concert

Fundraising Events

☐ Transportation
☐ Delivery
☐ Selling/Sorting
☐ Phone/email/text contact

Concerts

☐ Lobby/Stage Decorations

General

☐ Errands
☐ Clerical

☐ Audience Chaperon (Fall Concert/Winter Concert/Spring Concert)

Field Trips/Competition Chaperons (We need at least 2-3 for every event)

☐ District Auditions 9/21 Austin HS
☐ Region Auditions 10/19 Dulles HS
☐ Pre-Area Auditions 11/21 Clements HS
☐ Solo & Ensemble 2/8 Baines MS
☐ Area All State Auditions 1/11 Ridgepoint HS
☐ Pre UIL Concert & SR 3/30-31 Christ UMC Sugarland
☐ UIL Concert & Sight-Reading 4/21-22 Christ UMC Sugarland

Or

☐ Contact me for Anything, Anytime!

Thanks for you willingness to help! Please return this and all other forms/fees ASAP (Before Aug. 29)
FORT BEND I.S.D. MEDICAL INFORMATION CERTIFICATE

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Name ___________________________ Sex M F Age ___________________________

Last First Middle (Circle one)

Parent's Name ___________________________

Student's Date of Birth ___________________________

Parent's Home Telephone ___________________________ Parent's Work Telephone ___________________________

Address ___________________________ Street City State Zip Code ___________________________

Subdivision ___________________________

Emergency Telephone and Contact's Name ___________________________

School ___________________________ Grade ___________________________ Telephone ___________________________

Insurance Company ___________________________ Policy Number ___________________________

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Name of Physician ___________________________ Physician’s Telephone ___________________________

Does the student have previous history of:

Yes No

Bleeding tendencies

Head injuries, seizures unconsciousness, concussion or convulsion

Asthma

Hernia

High Blood Pressure

Tuberculosis

Sickle Cell Anemia

Kidney Disease and/or injury

Kidney, Lung, or Eye removed or nonfunctioning

Hepatitis

Rheumatic Fever

Skin Disease

Now under a physician's care?

Yes No

Date of last tetanus shot?

Asthma

Hernia

High Blood Pressure

Tuberculosis

Sickle Cell Anemia

Kidney Disease and/or injury

Kidney, Lung, or Eye removed or nonfunctioning

Hepatitis

Rheumatic Fever

Skin Disease

Date of last tetanus shot?

Allergy

Neck injury

Bone and/or joint injury or disease

Heart Disease

Diabetes

Surgical operation

Allergy to medication

Contact Lenses/Glasses

Is student taking medication regularly?

Yes No

Explain any "yes" answers ___________________________

Please list all medications and any illnesses not listed above requiring medication being taken at the present time.

__________________________

I hereby consent for medical care to be given to ___________________________ in case of an emergency.

__________________________

Parent/Guardian
STUDENT AND PARENT COMMITMENT FORM

This form verifies that the Travis High School Choir Handbook has been read by the undersigned and both parties understand and agree to comply with the rules and standards stated in this document.

PARENT: I understand the commitments stated in the choir handbook, and I am prepared to support my student’s obligations to this organization.

STUDENT: I have carefully read the Travis Choir Handbook and understand the rules stated therein. My signature signifies my willingness to comply with the obligations required by this organization.

PARENT NAME (please print) ___________________________________________________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE ___________________________________________________________________

• I give my son/daughter permission to be photographed or filmed for choir events and activities and to be posted on FBISD-approved websites and social media.

  Yes_____________________(sign) ____NO, I do not give permission

(Home)

(Work)

(Cell)

PARENT’S EMAIL:

(Home)

(Work)

STUDENT NAME (please print) ___________________________________________________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE ___________________________________________________________________

Please turn in this form as well as all other forms and FEES ASAP. Make checks payable to Travis High School.