

Bryant Middle School Choir Handbook

2022-2023



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Google Classroom Codes:

1st Period: hiir6mm

3rd Period: 35gmrqf

6th Period: n37xzuv

7th Period: dbnksqd

8th Period: cdljudh

Google Classroom instructions:

- Go to the app or website.
- Click join class.
- Type in the class code.

Remind Codes:

6th Grade Choir: @gkf6f2

7th Grade Choir: @4277bd

Remind 101 instructions:

- Text your class code to 81010

Bryant Middle School Choir Website

<https://bryantmiddlechoir.weebly.com/>

or scan the QR code below for direct access



Choir Department Goals

1. To present students at Bryant Middle School with the opportunity to learn, sing, and perform music in our graded and leveled choir program.
2. To offer a quality musical experience through performance and competition of diverse choral literature.
3. To promote the cultivation of student relationships through teamwork and camaraderie. To offer aspiring students opportunities for leadership.
4. To promote and develop good character in each student—including, but not limited to: self-discipline, creativity, self-esteem, and enthusiasm for learning.
5. To develop an aesthetic appreciation for choral music in students and in the surrounding community.

Course Description: Bryant Middle School choir allows students to learn music fundamentals in order to read music, develop sight-reading skills, and learn how to sing properly by learning healthy vocal techniques.

Students will work cooperatively, develop self-discipline, and will learn and demonstrate proper performance and concert etiquette. Students will be required to attend performances and various choir events and competitions.

Daily Class Materials: Students are expected to bring a three prong folder or binder each day to class, assigned iPad, a pencil, and pencil pouch. Earbuds or headphones will be needed for independent rehearsal of music periodically. These materials must be provided by the student's parent/guardian. All music and class handouts will be provided by the teacher.

Grading Procedures: Students will be graded by the following methods: Rehearsal Techniques, Singing Assessments, Performances, Music Literacy Assignments, and various music assignments that supplement the course.

School Absences & Make-Up Work: Upon returning to school after an absence, it is the student's responsibility to speak with the teacher to determine if any work was missed from the absence. Students will have the same amount of days to make up the work as was missed.

Concerts/Competitions: Concert participation is a REQUIRED class element. Concerts are worth 200 points of a student's grade. If a student misses a concert for a reason beyond the student's control, the parent or guardian of the students must contact Miss Chism by phone, e-mail, or a note sent by the student no later than the day after the concert or when the student returns to school. Once Miss Chism is provided this information, the student will be issued an alternate assignment in place of the concert grade. The student must complete and turn in the assignment within the time allotted that will be provided. The student will receive points based on the quality of his or her work on the assignment.

If a student missed ANY part of the school day, and the choir has a performance that evening (or missed Friday if we have a Saturday event), he or she will have to obtain permission from the principal's office BEFORE the concert or event in order to perform.

Drug Testing for AAA (Arkansas Activity Association) Requirements for Activity Members: In order for 7th grade students to participate in any competition, they must sign and have their parent/guardian sign a drug testing consent form. Students are randomly selected throughout the year to submit to a drug test. More information regarding this process can be found in the Bryant Public Schools Secondary Handbook.

Choir Uniform: For performances, events, and competitions, the student will need to dress as follows: **Bryant Middle School Choir T-Shirt, jeans, and closed-toe shoes.** The student and their parent or guardian will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining the choir uniform. As students represent the school and their choir, it is important the dress attire as well as behavior reflect the best performance possible. All choir uniform specifications must meet the Bryant School District Secondary Handbook Dress Code Policy. Students who do not dress appropriately for concerts

will have a deduction of points for their concert grade and may not be allowed to perform depending on the severity of improper dress.

Classroom Rules and Procedures:

1. Participate in class activities and assignments
2. Listen and follow directions
3. Be prepared with class materials
4. No food, gum, or drinks (except bottled water)
5. Respect everyone and everything

Student must follow all Bryant Public School's Secondary Handbook Policies

Consequences:

1. Warning
2. One day of lunch detention and parent/guardian contact
3. One day of lunch detention and parent/guardian contact
4. Office Referral

Choir Cash

An incentive program will be implemented for students to earn various amounts of choir cash for various activities and accomplishments. Students will have the opportunity to purchase various items using the choir cash.

It will be an honor and privilege teaching your child this year in choir. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Laura Chism

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By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the expectations of the Bryant Middle School Choir for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent guardian phone number _____

Do you have texting capabilities: Yes/No

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Throughout the school year, Bryant Middle School Choir needs assistance in certain areas. If you can help, please place a checkmark next to each area you would be willing to help or volunteer.

- _____ Chaperone for competitions and performances
- _____ Help set up for and/or tear down after choir concerts
- _____ Play piano accompaniment in rehearsals, concerts, and/or any other choir performance when needed
- _____ Parent volunteer substitute to help with choir classes during the day when the teacher is absent
- _____ Other duties you have the ability to share with the Bryant Middle School choir, please specify below: