

4th-6th Grade CHOIR HANDBOOK 2023-2024

What is Choir?

Choir is an afterschool group provided for students with an interest in music and singing. This choir will be offered to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders for the entire school year. All members in the choir will work together every rehearsal to learn songs and practice singing techniques. Remember, being a member of Bluffview Choir is a privilege, not a right, and can be taken away at any time.

Performances

There will be large performances and small performances throughout the year. Large performances may include: Veterans Day, Christmas Concert, and Spring Concert. Small performances will vary based on the school year. Please make sure to be at all rehearsals leading up to the performance so we are all ready to perform our best!

Expectations for Choir Members:

All choir members are expected to follow the directions of the choir director (Mrs. Hunt). Students should enthusiastically perform music, practice their part, and do choreography as directed. Students should bring a pencil and a folder/binder specifically for choir with their name marked on it. Choir members should keep their folder neat, organized and in their possession during Choir rehearsals. If a student is disruptive, then an email will be sent home as a warning. If the student is continuously disruptive then they will be removed from choir. We are a TEAM and must work together as a TEAM to be successful!

Attendance:

All choir members are expected to attend every after school rehearsal. The meetings will be held every **Thursday, from 2:30 to 3:15 in the music room.** If there is an early dismissal, there will be no choir rehearsal that day. If a member is absent from school then the absence will be considered excused. If a choir member cannot stay after school for some reason, it is necessary for the **parent** to email Mrs.Hunt before the rehearsal to confirm the reason they will be absent from choir that day. Attendance is crucial in order to learn all of the music we need to learn for the performances.

Grades

All Choir members are expected to make satisfactory academic progress. If a teacher or member or administrator feels that academic performance is being compromised by time spent in Choir, the member can be removed.

Parent Responsibilities:

Parents of Choir members also have responsibilities. They are as follows:

- 1.** Pick up students promptly at 3:15 from meetings in the circle drive at the front of the school. Please contact the school or Mrs. Hunt if any emergency arises and you can't be on time. Multiple late pick ups may result in removal from the choir.
- 2.** Parents are required to email Mrs. Hunt if their child will not be at choir rehearsal that day with the reason for the absence. If they are absent from school that day, no email is required and the absence will be excused.
- 3.** Provide transportation to and from each performance. If your child cannot be at a performance it is crucial that you let Mrs. Hunt know.

How do I join Choir?

Each student that is interested in choir needs to turn in the choir handbook **signed by the student and parent prior to the first rehearsal**. You will need to stay after school on **Thursday, September 7th** for the first rehearsal. Please practice singing "Happy Birthday" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" before coming to the first rehearsal. You will NOT have to sing alone but you will need to sing confidently with a handful of other people.

Contact Information

Mrs. Hunt

ohunt@dupo196.org

Parents and choir members:

Please **detach, sign, and return** this bottom portion acknowledging that you and your child have read the BLUFFVIEW CHOIR HANDBOOK and understand and agree with all of the guidelines.

I have read and agree to the guidelines set out in BLUFFVIEW CHOIR HANDBOOK and agree to abide by these guidelines at all times.

Choir Member Name

Parent Signature:
