Houston County High School

Chorus Syllabus

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

# Director Information

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| Director | Email | Website |
| **Ms. Lexie Stinson** | alexandra.stinson@hcbe.net | hocochorus.weebly.com |

# Objectives and Standards

1. Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music
2. Reading and notating music
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines
5. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music
6. Evaluating music and music performances
7. Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts
8. Understanding music in relation to history and culture

# Evaluation

* Major Concert Performances 45%
* Minor Singing and Written Checkpoints 15%
* Daily Rehearsal Grades 20%
* Final Final Exam 20%

# Required Chorus Concert Dates

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| Concert | Date | Location | Time |
| Fall | October 1, 2019 | HOCO Theater | 7 pm |
| Winter | December 5, 2019 | HOCO Theater | 7 pm |
| Pre-LGPE | February 25, 2019 | HOCO Theater | 7 pm |
| LGPE | TBA | TBA | During school day |
| Spring | May 8, 2019 | HOCO Theater | 7 pm |

# Concert Attendance Policy

Chorus is a co-curricular class and attendance at performances is mandatory. **Attendance, punctuality, appropriate uniform, behavior, and performance (posture, professionalism etc.) at concerts will count heavily in the overall final grade of the course.**

Absences from concerts will fall under one of two categories – excused or unexcused. Only excused absences will be eligible for a make-up assignment.

* Excused absences include extreme sickness accompanied by a doctor’s note, death in the family, or a family member returning from military duty.
* If a student has an unexcused absence from a concert they are placed on informal probation in the choral program, and if a second performance is missed they may not be allowed to continue in the choral program. While this policy may seem strict, it is necessary to protect the integrity of a successful choral program.

# Rules and Expectations

1. All policies outlined in the school and chorus handbooks must be observed.
2. No food or drink on the risers. Only clear, non-flavored water is permitted.
3. No gum is allowed in the chorus room.
4. Students are expected to have their music and a pencil with them in class each day.
5. Any behavior that impedes rehearsals will not be tolerated.
6. Do not play the piano without permission.
7. Students will only write in pencil in their music.
8. Cell phones and other technology is only allowed when students are given permission.

# Uniform Policy

Students will wear formal attire to all chorus concerts. The cost of this uniform is included in the chorus fee.

**Men** will wear a tuxedo with black shoes and black socks.

**Women** will wear a black gown with black stockings and black shoes. No jewelry is permitted except for stud earrings.

# Extra-Curricular Chorus Opportunities

Some of this year’s extra-curricular opportunities include:

* All-State Chorus
* District Honor Chorus
* A Cappella Group – meets in the morning

These extra-curricular opportunities require an audition for participation. More information will be given throughout the year on the chorus webpage and in class. All students are encouraged to be as involved as their schedule allows.

# Chorus Fee Explained

The HCHS chorus fee is $150 for new members and $50 for returning members.

Consistent with other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at Houston County High School, all Chorus students must pay a chorus fee at the beginning of each year. New members may pay $75 at the beginning of the fall semester and $75 at the beginning of the spring semester if they choose.

**The chorus fee of $50 for returning members and at least $75 for new members is due no later than September 4, 2019.**

Students with unpaid fees will be added to the HCHS Debt List until resolved.

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| **Required Fee Breakdown** | |
| ***New Members: $150*** | ***Returning Members: $50*** |
| * $10 – HOCO Chorus t-shirt * $10 accompanist costs * $20 materials fee (music, folders, etc.) * $10 – LGPE field trip fee (registration and transportation) * **$100 – formal uniform** – tuxedo for men, black gown for women | * $10 – HOCO Chorus t-shirt * $10 accompanist costs * $20 materials fee (music, folders, etc.) * $10 – LGPE field trip fee (registration and transportation) |

This fee covers all of the required events and costs of maintaining a successful choral program. Extra events such as All State and Honor Choir will require an additional fee.

***If you have any questions, unique circumstances, concerns, or would like to set up a payment plan please contact Ms. Stinson at*** [***alexandra.stinson@hcbe.net***](mailto:alexandra.stinson@hcbe.net)***.***

# Daily Rehearsal Grade Rubric

10 points per day, 100 points every two weeks.

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|  | **Superior** | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Poor** |
| **Preparation**  **(3 points)** | 3 points: Seated and quiet imm. after bell, with folder and pencil | 2 points: slower to find spot/music or pencil after bell | 1 point: Must be asked to find spot/materials | 0 points: Student doesn’t have materials, must be asked to start |
| **Participation**  **(6 points)** | 6 points: Active participant in all activities upon first direction; uses correct hand signs/posture at all times | 4 points: Participates in most activities upon first direction | 2 points: Needs to be directed individually, uses correct hand signs/posture sometimes | 0 points: Must be directed multiple times individually; has gum during class |
| **Attitude**  **(1 point)** | 1 point: Exhibits positive attitude and puts forth 100% at all times | 0.5 points: Positive attitude most of the time | 0 Points: Average attitude with average effort in rehearsal |  |

# HCHS Chorus: Contact Information

This form is to be completed, signed, and returned by Friday August 16, 2019.

**I. Student Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Mother/Guardian Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Father/Guardian Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Syllabus and Fee Acknowledgment

**Student Acknowledgment**

I have read and understand the Chorus Syllabus and understand the requirements and expectations for being a part of this program. I will follow all the rules and procedures and will attend all required performances.

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**Student Signature**  **Date**

**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment**

I have read the Chorus Syllabus and understand the requirements and policies explained. I will support my child’s involvement in the SHS choral program including the Chorus Fee element. I will ensure they are present for all required performances.

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**Parent Name- Printed**

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**Parent Signature Date**