

THE CHOIRS OF KELLER HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

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AREAS OF STUDY

Students will study the following areas of choral music in compliance with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) as prescribed by the Texas Education Agency:

1. Vocal Technique
2. Music Theory
3. Music Literacy
4. Music History & Culture
5. Creative Expression
6. Performance Practice
7. Choral Literature

GRADING CRITERIA

Summative Grades: (at least two per grading period)

- Performance Attendance
- Performance Etiquette
- Assessments

Formative Grades: (at least six per grading period)

- Rehearsal Participation and Technique
- Performance Evaluations
- Literacy Assessments
- Literature Assessments

Extra Credit may be given for attendance at professional/community music performances. The student must write a 1-page synopsis of the concert and show proof of attendance.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

Performance attendance is mandatory and is considered a summative grade. An excused absence may be granted in the case of illness or emergency as long as the directors have written notification.

Students may make up an excused absence through 2 methods: writing a 3-page paper on a subject pertaining to the missed performance which the director will assign OR performing the music of the missed concert.

UNIFORMS

Dresses: Dress (provided) – hem one inch from the floor (while wearing your black shoes).
 Jewelry – Earrings (provided). No other jewelry allowed.
 Shoes (not provided) – Black, closed-toe, flat or low heel

Tuxedos: Pants (provided) – Hem one inch from the floor.
 Shirt (provided)
 Vest (provided)
 Shoes (not provided) – Black dress shoes
 Socks (not provided) – Black
 Black bow tie (provided)

CHOIR TRIP

Each year, the Choirs of Keller High School take a spring trip. All students are invited to join! Past trips have included Orlando, Los Angeles, Hawaii, and Europe (England, Italy, France), as well as in-state destinations such as San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Galveston. This year, the choirs will travel to Winter Park, Colorado!

CHOIR LETTER JACKETS

Students enrolled in the choir program are eligible to earn a letter jacket. Students must earn at least ten points by way of participation in the program. Activities that earn points include auditioning into a varsity choir, performing at solo festival, advancing in the all-state process, and others. The application form can be found on our website and is due in the spring.

REHEARSAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Be prepared and be on time.

Be respectful to your teachers, your classmates, and yourself.

No gum, food, or drink, except water, is allowed during rehearsal.

Only one student may leave the classroom at a time with a pass.

The Keller ISD Code of Conduct will be strictly upheld. Failure to maintain appropriate ethics and conduct will result in disciplinary action and possible removal from the program.

CONSEQUENCES

Students who fail to abide by our classroom expectations and the Keller ISD Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to:

1. Communication with Parents and/or KHS Assistant Principal(s)
2. Detention
3. Attend Saturday School
4. Attend ISS/DAEP
5. Removal from the Keller High School Choir Program

KHS Choir Schedule of Classes

Even Days			Odd Days		
1	8:30-9:20	Cadence Freshman Treble	1	8:30-9:20	Cadence Freshman Treble
2	9:26-11:04	Lumina NV Show Choir	3	9:26-11:04	Canticle Non-Varsity T/B
4	11:10-12:40	Blue Lights Varsity Show Choir	5	11:10-12:40	Varsity Treble
	12:45-1:25	Lunch		12:45-1:25	Lunch
6	1:31-3:01	Chorale Varsity Mixed	7	1:31-3:01	Camerata Non-Varsity Treble
8	3:07-4:00	Planning	8	3:07-4:00	Planning

Private Voice Enrichment Program

The Choirs of Keller High School are fortunate to have several private voice teachers who work with our students individually during their regularly scheduled choir class. Lessons are \$21-\$25 per week and scholarships are available through an application process. Our private voice instructors are:

Mrs. Andrea Cox
Mr. Connor Lidell
Mrs. Crystal Townzen
Mrs. Kandice Whitehead

Choir Fees

All students enrolled in choir must pay a choir fee of \$85 which covers the costs of transportation, sheet music, classroom materials, facilities, and enrollment in evaluations and events. These fees can be paid during choir registration day or on the Keller ISD webstore. Scholarships are available if there is a need. Please contact Mr. Steele.