

Fulton High School

Choral Handbook

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Fulton High School

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FULTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Statement

Preparing and Educating for Success

Vision Statement

- The school will be recognized in the community as a valued resource, a positive and safe environment, and a place that provides a quality education for all.
- Upon graduating, students will be productive citizens and community leaders who are successful and proud, prepared for post-secondary training, and have options and tools for success.
- The administration will be respectful, supportive, caring and consistent individuals with the ability to solve problems and communicate effectively who deal with discipline issues swiftly and appropriately with clear expectations using a team approach that uses all stakeholder resources.
- The student-centered faculty will be positive, collaborative individuals who move students toward career goals, serve as resources while providing individualized and directed instruction through easily accessible curricula that incorporates technology in instruction, practice, and assessment to challenge and engage students and meet their current needs for a post-high school life.
- The most important criterion for measuring our success will be our graduation and dropout rate, state and federal mandates, college and exit exam scores, as well as the long-term achievement of our students.

FULTON CHORAL GOALS

- To develop listening, performance, and creative skills
- To enrich life through appreciating music in all its forms
- To develop musicianship, creating a musical performance as an art and skill
- To provide a safe environment for all students to explore music and their unique abilities
- To contribute to the positive development of all students
- To encourage teamwork among students
- To facilitate the development of confidence and self-worth
- To instill the value of hard work and self-discipline
- To create a legacy of pride in the community
- To promote a standard of excellence

Performance OPPORTUNITIES

National Anthem:

Students will have the opportunity to sign-up to perform at various Fulton High School athletic events throughout the school year. This is open to any active FHS choir member.

Northeast All-District Choir and Missouri All-State Choir:

Choir students are strongly encouraged to audition for All-District Choir in September. Audition material is available in the Choir Office. Students will pay 50% (\$5) of the audition fee and the school will cover the rest.

Juniors and Seniors that make All-District Choir will perform in November and have the opportunity to audition for the Missouri All-State Choir at that time. Members of the Missouri All-State Choir will rehearse and perform in January at the Missouri Music Educators' Conference at Tan-Tar-A.

District and State Music Festival:

Students have the opportunity to prepare a solo or participate in a small ensemble to be judged for a rating in March each year. Students earning a I rating at District Music Festival are eligible to perform at State Music Festival.

Theme Park Music Festival:

Choir students have the opportunity to compete in a Music Festival at a Missouri Theme Park each year. Each student pays a reduced admission fee into the park for the day. This covers a performance with the ensemble and admission to enjoy the offerings at the theme park.

Choir Trip:

Choir students have the opportunity to travel with the FHS Choral Department on a large-scale trip every four years. This will be the first year for the trip and interested students will be traveling to Chicago. Memories will be made through sight-seeing, a choral clinic, performance opportunities, and new experiences. Fundraising efforts and individual student accounts will help off-set the out of pocket costs.

FHS Musical:

Every February, the theatre department produces a musical. Students are encouraged to participate as there are numerous opportunities and roles to be filled.

Throughout the year, other performance opportunities will present themselves and typically be open to anyone in the choral department. Students will earn points toward their choir letter through these extra opportunities.

EXPECTATIONS

Classroom

- Students will be ready when rehearsal begins with the needed materials including a pencil, music, and a positive work ethic.
- Students will leave issues outside the classroom and give their best effort daily.
- Students will keep their personal items and class materials organized. Personal items left in the room will be subject to disappearing.
- Students will treat all persons in the classroom with the utmost respect, including teachers, visitors, and peers.
- Students will follow all directions appropriately.
- Students will use the restroom and get drinks before and after class, not during rehearsal.
- Students will not possess food, gum, or drink. (Water bottles are acceptable)
- Students will keep electronic devices put away at all times during class.
- Students will refrain from playing the piano(s) without proper permission.

Off Campus

- Students will report to all events in a timely manner according to a pre-determined time.
- Students will respect chaperones, directors, and any other individuals at attended events.
- Students will be upstanding representatives of the Fulton Choral Department, Fulton High School, and the community of Fulton by adhering to all set expectations.

Performances

- Students are to strive for excellence at every performance.
- Students will wear assigned uniforms with pride and treat them with respect. This is a privilege earned by all Fulton Choir Members.

- Students will attend every performance as they play a vital role in the choir program. Performances are required and a part of a student's grade.
- Students who have displayed poor conduct and/or lack of preparation during rehearsals can be kept from participating in trips and activities.

School Uniforms

- Students will care for their assigned uniform by making sure it is properly put away after each performance. Uniforms are school property and will be kept in the choir room.
- Students are responsible for any replacement or repair costs for their assigned uniform.
- Students will pay a uniform cleaning and upkeep fee each year.

Required Materials

- Students will be assigned a numbered folder in which to keep their music for the entire school year.
- Students will bring a pencil with them to class EVERYDAY.
- Students are responsible for the safekeeping of assigned music and folders. Loss or damage of this school owned property will become the individual's financial responsibility.

Performance Advancement

- Students are highly encouraged to attend other live performances in order to broaden their horizons as an audience member as well as a performer. Students will be kept up to date on events happening in and around the community.

communication

Email

- Emails will be sent to parents and students with information regarding upcoming events. Emails will be sent to student's' school email addresses and the provided parental contact information in SIS. Please be sure to keep this information current.

Webpage

- The webpage can be found at fulton58.org when going to "Fulton High School" and selecting the "Choir" tab.

Remind101

- This service allows Miss Lehman to have instant communication to all parents and students that sign up. All involved parties are highly encouraged to sign up. Text the provided code specific to the class to 81010 or download the free "Remind" app.
 - *Cantorum*: @cantorum
 - *Chamber Singers*: @fhschamber
 - *Chorale*: @fultonchor

Phone

- As phone calls do not reach a large number of people all at once, it will be the least utilized form of communication. Calls will be made as the need arises. Any voicemail left when calling this number forwards to email and will be returned as soon as possible.
 - 573.590.8136

Grades

Attendance/Participation

- This is a performance based class and therefore active participation in every rehearsal is expected.

Performances

- Attendance at performances is **mandatory**. A list of performances is made available to students at the beginning of the school year and is posted on the choir website (www.fulton58.org). Personal schedules including work, school activities, and other events need to be arranged to allow attendance at all performances. Lack of transportation is not a valid excuse.
- All students are vital to performances, each having his or her own role to contribute. Absences negatively affect performances and should be taken seriously. Students with excused absences will be given the opportunity to make up the performance with an alternative assignment. Excused absences must be approved **in advance** by the director. The director reserves the right to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

Tests/Quizzes

- Students will be evaluated periodically by means of various written and performance based assessments. Advance notice will be given for adequate student preparation.

Written Assignments

- Students will receive various written assignments to be completed in class. Time will be given for completion in class and students create homework for themselves if not finished by the end of class that day.

CHOIR LETTER

The purpose of the Choir Letter is to award students who spend time above and beyond that which is required to further musical skills. Students must accumulate **40 points** in order to attain a choir letter. Activities and points awarded are as follows:

Activity	Points	Earned
District Choir Audition	5 Points	
District Choir/Honor Choir Performance	5 Points	
Fall Choir Concert	2 Points	
Christmas Concert	2 Points	
Theme Park Concert	5 points	
All-State Choir Audition	10 Points	
All-State Choir Performance	10 Points	
Musical	10 Points	
Pre-Festival Showcase/Fine Arts Night	2 Points	
District Contest - Small Ensemble	3 Points	
District Contest - Solo	5 Points	
State Contest - Small Ensemble	6 Points	
State Contest - Solo	10 Points	
Spring Showcase	2 Points	
Showcase Small Act	5 Points	
National Anthem Performance	1 Point Each	
Fundraiser Help	1 Point Each	
Outside Performances (must be director approved)	2 Points Each	
Summer Vocal Music Camp or Clinic (director approved: occurs before current school year)	10 Points	

The director may also see fit to award points based on service given to the choir. Points will be determined at the director's discretion.

CHOIR AWARDS

Jack Garner Scholarship

- The recipient of this scholarship will be a senior seeking a career in vocal music

Outstanding Choral Musician Award

- The recipient of this award will be a senior who has given exceptional service to the vocal music program.
- The plaque will be engraved including the name and year

Student Accompanist Award

- The recipient of this award will be a senior who has given exceptional service as an accompanist to the vocal music program
- The plaque will be engraved including the name and year

Outstanding Choir Member Awards

- The recipients of this award will be students in each choir that went above and beyond to benefit the ensemble.

CHOIR OFFICERS

President: The President is the most visible of all officers and must be a positive role model for all students in the program. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assist the choir director
- Take attendance
- Be a visible assistance to any substitute (lead class in director's absence)
- Be prepared to lead warm-ups
- Lead other class officers in their duties
- Represent the concerns and needs of your fellow choir members as an open and responsive leader

Vice-President: The Vice-President is first in line to assist the President and must be a positive role model as well. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serve in the absence of the President
- Uniform maintenance after each performance
- Be a visible assistance to any substitute

Secretary: The Secretary must be a hard-working, trustworthy student that is organized and detail-oriented. Specific duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Manage the distribution and collection of folders and music
- Filing music in the music library
- Assist the Vice-President with uniform maintenance

Section Leaders: Section Leaders will be responsible for the success of their individual sections

- Promptly arrive at all rehearsals and performances
- Know all the parts within your section and be able to identify whether or not students are executing these properly
- Have a great working relationship with other section leaders
- Always enthusiastically do what a director asks of you
- Be a leader and positive example at all times and encourage this behavior within your section
- Problems? Talk about it with the director later. Never get into a confrontation with anyone during a rehearsal or outing.

CHAMBER SINGERS

Description

Chamber Singers is a smaller mixed choral ensemble at Fulton High School carrying on a tradition of excellence. This group of students will perform a diverse selection of advanced music literature: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. Members are expected to exhibit exemplary character both in and out of school.

Uniforms

Ladies:

**Student purchased:* formal dress (\$55), black character shoes (Approx. \$40), and black hosiery

**School purchased:* pearl necklace and show dress

Gentlemen:

**Student purchased:* tux jacket/pants/vest (Approx. \$90-\$100), black socks, and black dress shoes

**School purchased:* white shirts, ties, and show vest

- You may hem the garment yourself or take it to the local cleaners for alterations. When hemming garments, please leave any extra fabric in the hem (do NOT cut) so that you may alter for height in future years.
- Tuxes must be professionally dry-cleaned and will be ruined if washed normally.
- Members will purchase a black choir t-shirt to be used throughout the school year. (\$10)
- Members will also have the opportunity to purchase a Spring Showcase theme shirt in May (approx. \$13). This is not required.

cANTORUM

Description

Cantorum is a mixed choral ensemble at Fulton High School daily growing in the pursuit of excellence. This larger group of students will perform a diverse selection of music literature: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. Members are expected to be positive role models in and out of school.

Uniforms

All ensemble members will wear black choir robes with provided black and gold stoles.

- Black dress shoes, black dress slacks or black skirts with black hosiery, and black choir t-shirts worn beneath the robe.
- Robes and stoles must be professionally dry-cleaned and will be taken care of by the choir department.
- Members will purchase a black choir t-shirt to be used throughout his/her FHS choir years. (\$10)
- Members will pay a \$15 cleaning and upkeep fee each year.
- Members will also have the opportunity to purchase a Spring Showcase theme shirt in May (approx. \$13). This is not required.

CHORALE

Description

Chorale is our treble vocal ensemble representation of the Fulton High School choir department daily growing in the pursuit of excellence. This group will perform a diverse selection of music literature: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. Members are expected to be positive role models in and out of school.

Uniforms

All ensemble members will wear black choir robes with provided black and gold stoles.

- Black dress shoes, black dress slacks or black skirts with black hosiery, and black choir t-shirts worn beneath the robe.
- Robes and stoles must be professionally dry-cleaned and will be taken care of by the choir department.
- Members will purchase a black choir t-shirt to be used throughout his/her FHS choir years. (\$10)
- Members will pay a \$15 cleaning and upkeep fee each year.
- Members will also have the opportunity to purchase a Spring Showcase theme shirt in May (approx. \$13). This is not required.

**Payment plans are available for any student of the Fulton Choral Department. A down payment is expected by the first performance of the year with the final payment by the last performance. This expectation will be upheld.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fulton High School

Date	Event	Time	Location	Ensemble
July 30-Aug. 2	Choir Retreat	6:00pm-8:00pm	FHS Choir Room	ALL
Aug. 23	Quarterly Informational Meeting	6:00pm	FHS Choir Room	Inquisitive Parents and Students
August-October	Open Night Rehearsals	5:30pm-6:30pm	FHS Choir Room	Individuals
Aug. 24	CHOIR CONTRACTS & HEALTH FORMS DUE	All Day	FHS Choir Room	ALL
Sept. 5	All-District Choir DEADLINE (50% paid)	All Day	FHS Choir Room	Individuals
Sept. 15	All-District Choir Auditions	TBA	Battle High School, Columbia	Individuals
Sept. 24-28	HOMECOMING WEEK	All Week	FHS	FPS Students
Sept. 27	Homecoming Bonfire	9:00pm	FHS	Chamber Singers
Oct. 10	CMU Vocal Workshop	All Day	Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO	Selected Individuals
Oct. 12	Choir Fees Down Payment Deadline	All Day	FHS Choir Room	ALL
Oct. 15	Fall Vocal Concert	7:00pm	Southside Baptist Church, Fulton	ALL
END 1st QUARTER - October 16th				
Nov. 1	KOMU Recording	9:00am	Missouri Theatre Columbia, MO	Chamber Singers
Nov. 2	Caroling Downtown	6:00-8:00pm	Downtown Fulton	Chamber Singers

Nov. 3	All-District Choir Rehearsal & Concert - All-State Auditions -	All Day, 5pm Performance	Moberly High School	Individuals
Nov. 8	Quarterly Informational Meeting	6:00pm	FHS Choir Room	Inquisitive Parents and Students
Nov. 9	Veterans Day Assembly	Seminar	FHS Gym	Chamber Singers
<i>Nov. 17</i>	<i>Craft Show Fundraiser</i>	<i>9:00am-4:00pm</i>	<i>FHS Commons</i>	<i>ALL</i>
Nov. 19 & 20	Musical Auditions & Callbacks	After School	FHS Allbritton Theatre	Individuals
<i>Nov. 30</i>	<i>Candlelight Tours</i>	<i>7:10pm Performance</i>	<i>Governor's Mansion, Jefferson City</i>	<i>Chamber Singers</i>
Dec. 3	FHS Winter Concerts	7:00pm	FHS Commons	ALL
<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>Fulton Country Club Christmas</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Fulton Country Club</i>	<i>Chamber Singers</i>
Dec. 8	Chamber at Churchill	5:00pm	Westminster Churchill Chapel, Fulton	Chamber Singers
Dec. 12	Rotary Club Christmas	12:30pm	TBA	Chamber Singers
Dec. 13	Kiwanis Club Christmas	12:00pm	TBA	Chamber Singers
Dec. 15	Trivia Night Fundraiser	7:00pm-9:00pm	FHS Commons	ALL
END 2nd QUARTER - December 21st				
Jan. 23	50% Payment Six Flags	All Day	FHS Choir Room	Individuals
Jan. 23-26	MMEA Conference/All-State	All Day	Tan-Tar-A Resort	Individuals
Feb. 12	Musical Matinee	All Day	FHS Allbritton Theatre	Individuals
Feb. 14-16	Musical	2:00pm & 7:00pm	FHS Allbritton Theatre	Individuals
Feb. 28	Quarterly Informational Meeting	6:00pm	FHS Choir Room	Inquisitive Parents and Students

March 4	FHS Pre-Fest Vocal Showcase	6:00pm	FHS Choir Room	Solos & Small Ensembles
March 7	Fine Arts Day	All Day, 5:30pm	FHS Gym, Commons, Theatre, Band, & Choir Rooms	Large Ensemble (Assembly) Solos & Small Ensembles (Evening)
END 3rd QUARTER - March 8th				
March 19	Final Payment Six Flags	All Day	FHS Choir Room	Individuals
March 21	State Music Festival - Large Ensemble	TBA	Mexico High School	ALL
March 23	District Music Festival - Solo & Small Ensemble	TBA	Mexico High School	Solos & Small Ensembles
March 28-31	Choir Trip	All Day	Chicago, IL	Individuals
April 8-12	Showcase Small Act Auditions	Seminar	FHS Choir Room	Individuals
April 11	Quarterly Informational Meeting	6:00pm	FHS Choir Room	Inquisitive Parents and Students
April 26	State Music Festival - Solo & Small Ensemble	TBA	University of Missouri, Columbia	Solos & Small Ensembles
April 29-May 3	FHS Choir Auditions; 2018-2019	After School	FHS Choir Room	Choir Members
<i>April/May (TBA)</i>	<i>Theme Park Music Festival</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Individuals</i>
May 9	Choir Fees Final Payment Deadline	All Day	FHS Choir Room	ALL
May 10	Spring Showcase	7:00pm	Cutlip Auditorium, William Woods University	ALL
END 4th QUARTER - May 15th				
May 17	Baccalaureate Service	6:00pm	Fulton, MO	Chamber Singers
May 18	Graduation	7:00pm	Champ Auditorium, Westminster College	Seniors

May 25-June 2	Activities MSHSAA Dead Week	All Day	FHS	ALL
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**Italicized are tentative/projected dates based upon past schedules and approval.*

This is a partial list of performances, activities, and auditions. Additional dates may be added. Please put these on your calendar to avoid conflicts.

Attendance at our performances is mandatory. Please inform Miss Lehman in a timely fashion of any conflicts so they might be worked out. Everyone is a vital member to the success of the ensemble and absences directly impact the choir.

As a musical group that participates in Missouri State High School Activities Association events, we abide by the standards set forth by MSHSAA. Students who choose to violate MSHSAA rules or who do not do their part to uphold the honor of participating in the Fulton Public School Choral Program will accept fair consequences to be determined by the director and/or school administration.

CHOIR CONTRACT

Student Name (print): _____ Period: _____

This handbook explains the policies and practices of the Fulton Choral Program to you and your son or daughter. After reading the handbook, please sign below showing that both you and your son or daughter read and understand the handbook contents and requirements.

I also authorize, request, and give my permission for my child to travel with the respective Fulton Public School Choir on all trips during the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Miss Lehman.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Signed contracts are due to Miss Lehman by **August 24, 2018**.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Birthday: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

- I give permission for picture or videos of my child to be used by the Fulton Choral Department: YES or NO

CHOIR HEALTH FORM

Student Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____	Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____
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Health History:

Allergies: Check any your child may have and briefly describe the reaction:

Insect stings/bites:

Food:

Medication:

Other:

Student carries Epi-pen

Check below if participant currently has any of the following:

Asthma Carries inhaler Diabetes Seizures

Other: _____

Medications:

List medications the sponsors will need to administer on trip with directions:

I give permission for my child to be administered the following OTC med as needed for minor discomfort while on choir trips: (check all that apply)

Tylenol Advil Other: _____

Provide any other important health related information that is needed to care for your child:

Insurance:

Name of Health Insurance Provider _____

Phone Number _____ Policy Number _____

Group Number _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)