

# Franklin Central Choir Course Requirements

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## Overview & Requirements

Choir classes are designed to stimulate a desire to sing and to learn skills and techniques to have a stronger voice and a wider range. Skills in reading music and music theory will be taught as a means to achieve stronger self-confidence as a singer. Performances and rehearsals are required and are listed below. Attendance is mandatory. Other written and online assignments will be given throughout the course of each semester. Students will also be asked to sing simple melodies and demonstrate rhythms without assistance, alone or with others, from sight. Students should bring a pencil to class each day.

## Attendance:

**Attendance at after school rehearsals and performances is mandatory.** Choir is a performance-based activity and grading for this class is based mainly upon daily rehearsal and performances. An alternate assignment will be given for conflicts if the director is given **two weeks' notice and approval is given**. If two weeks' notice is not given, the absence from the concert will be considered an unexcused absence and **cannot be made up**. Due to the heavy weight of performances, missing a performance or rehearsal can result in a failing grade. Unexcused absences include work related conflicts, family dinners, birthdays, doctor appointments, dentist appointment, rock concerts, etc... **Please plan ahead**. Excusable absences include weddings, funerals (two weeks' notice unnecessary), major family events, military requirements, etc. If you have a question about what is considered excused, please call the choral office **well in advance**. **Excusable absences must be submitted in writing two weeks before the event**. For excused absences to count as a grade for the missed concert, a make-up assignment must be completed. The make-up assignments are in no way intended as a punishment, but are instead intended to match the difficulty and learning opportunity created by a performance. Typical make-up assignments include attending another school's concert and critiquing the performance in a multiple page typed paper. Any student taking choir "pass/fail" will not participate in ISSMA or off campus events. Concerts are worth 100 points, 34 points for showing up on time, and staying until dismissed, 33 points for wearing correct concert attire, and turning in costume correctly at the end of the concert, and 33 points for displaying correct concert etiquette and behavior during the concert. ISSMA events may have an alternate grading scale based upon judge's feedback. Daily points for rehearsal can only be earned in class. It is impossible to give a make-up assignment that will recreate the classroom setting and teach the same material. Most of the learning that occurs in choir is group participation-based and therefore cannot be done at home in an assignment.

**Dates to Remember: \*These are only academically required dates. ACC, CC, ENC, FCS & HV see [www.fcchoirs.org/info](http://www.fcchoirs.org/info)\***

Event	Date & Time	Location
<b>Fall Concert</b> Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM & NGSC	<b>Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 call time, 5:30 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Fall Concert</b> ACC, CC, ENC, FCS & HV	<b>Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 call time, 8:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Just the Guys</b> VM, SM, ENC men, CC men & all FCS <i>(free dinner provided for students)</i>	<b>Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b> 3:30 dress rehearsal, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Winter Concert</b> Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM & NGSC	<b>Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup></b> 3:30-5:00 group photos, 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Sounds of the Season Dress Rehearsals</b> CC, FCS, HV, ENC & ACC	<b>Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>-Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b> Details and times TBA	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Sounds of the Season Performances</b> ACC, CC, ENC, FCS & HV <i>(free dinner provided between concerts Saturday)</i>	<b>Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show <b>Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 call time, doors open at 2:00 and 2:30 show 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show <b>Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 call time, doors open at 2:00 and 2:30 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Choral Pops Night</b> Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM, NGSC & ENC	<b>Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>ISSMA H.S. Org. Contest</b> Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM, NGSC & ENC	<b>Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - ALL DAY</b> Details and times coming after Spring Break	Off Campus- TBD
<b>ISSMA State Qualifiers</b> SM, CC/FCS & ACC/HV	<b>Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - ALL DAY</b>	FCHS Auditorium
<b>ISSMA State Finals</b> <i>(Pending April 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> results)</i>	SM & HV/ACC, <b>Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - ALL EVENING</b> FCS/CC, <b>Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - ALL DAY</b>	Pike High School
<b>Spring Concert</b> Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM & NGSC	<b>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 call time, 5:30 show	FCHS Auditorium
<b>Spring Concert</b> ACC, CC, ENC, FCS & HV	<b>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 call time, 8:00 show	FCHS Auditorium

**Expenses:**

\$50 is being charged to all choir students which is due by Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Students receiving free and reduced lunch do not get a discount for choir. All choir students and parents have the option to pay out of pocket or defray cost by participating in the fundraiser. \$30 goes towards rental and maintenance of suits, tuxedos, dresses, and jewelry. \$10 goes towards transportation costs to pay for busing to ISSMA events. \$10 is for a group t-shirt to be worn at the Choral Pops Concert, clinicians for Accents, Chamber, FC Singers and High Voltage, or show choir costuming for the New Girls' Show Choir. Payments can be made out of pocket any time before Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> or you can use the annual choral fundraiser mentioned below. Checks need to be made out to Franklin Central High School. Please put your child's full name and ensemble in the memo blank.

**Fundraising:**

The fundraiser, which will be launched Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in class, is optional and can be used to defray the \$50. Students are strongly encouraged to participate because the \$50 fee does not cover all expenses for the choirs and we rely heavily upon the fundraiser to keep our program strong. 40% of each items' cost will count as profit towards the student's \$50. Any remaining balance will be due on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Any profit earned by a student over \$50 will benefit the choral department. (Exception: Any student in Accents, Chamber Choir, Encores, FC Singers or High Voltage who earns profit above \$50 will have that amount automatically rolled over into their show choir account. Due to our tax exempt status, all fundraised money is non-refundable.)

**Remind:**

Remind is a text system that allows us to send messages regarding upcoming concerts, ticket sales, and other events. We won't use it very frequently, only when needed so you don't need to worry that you'll be getting constant messages. This is the easiest way to make sure all information gets home. Here's how to sign up:

Start a text message to 81010 then enter the appropriate code in the adjacent chart in the message. After you send the message, it may ask you for your name and other information if you are new to Remind.

Remind Codes		
<u>Ensemble</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Accents	@accents19	@accpar19
Chamber	@cham19	@champar19
Encores	@enc19	@encpar19
FC Singers	@fcs19	@fcspar19
Harmonia	@harmonia19	@harmpar19
High Voltage	@hv19	@hvpar18
New Girls' SC	@ngsc19	@ngsccpar19
Statesmen	@sm19	@smpar19
Varsity	@vrsty19	@varpar19
Vocal Majority	@vmaj19	@vmajpar19

**Concert Admission:**

All concerts will cost money to attend. Ticket proceeds are used to recuperate expenses incurred for performances which include custodial fees, auditorium director fees, and hired musicians. We try to keep prices as low as possible while maintaining the best possible experience for our students and audience. Ticket prices for concerts are \$4, \$6 or \$8 depending upon seating section, except "Sounds of the Season", which will be \$8, \$12 or \$15, depending on seating section. "Just the Guys" will be \$3 general admission at the door. Season tickets are also available. Please see separate sheet for details.

**Concert Attire:**

Ladies	Gentlemen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School provided dress and jewelry</li> <li>Black closed toe dress heel (1 1/2" to 2 1/2" heel) (Harmonia &amp; Varsity only)</li> <li>Hair should have a poof, half up/half down curled</li> <li>No extra jewelry</li> <li>No nail polish (Exception: French tip or clear coat)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School provided tuxedo/suit, shirt and tie</li> <li>Black socks, black dress shoes and black belt</li> <li>White undershirt (not a tank-top or beater)</li> <li>Clean shaven</li> <li>Hair cut so it is out of the face</li> </ul>

**Grading:**

Total grade for each nine weeks will be determined from two categories:

**Summative Assessments (65% of total grade)**

Concerts	100 points
Tests	100 points

**Formative Assessments (35% of total grade)**

Homework, classwork, etc.	10 points or 1 pt. per question
Dress rehearsals	50 points
Daily rehearsal points	3 points per day

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

Choir: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remove this sheet, sign and return to your choir director to receive 10 points for your first assignment.

In order to receive full credit for this assignment, this signed copy is due by  
Friday, August 3rd, 2018.

**By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand all information from the attached syllabus regarding expectations and requirements involved with being in choir at Franklin Central High School.**

- Concert dates
- Attendance requirements
- Concert admission
- Concert attire
- Grading
- \$50 due by Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Fundraising
- Season tickets
- Remind

Please check one of the following:

- I have NO conflicts with any dates on the syllabus.
- I DO have conflicts with dates on the syllabus which are: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for conflict: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your student is not participating in the Choral Department Fundraiser, please send your \$50 with this form.  
Checks can be made out to "Franklin Central High School."