

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 **one weeks' notice and approval is given.** If one 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 online at www.fcchoirs.org/info one 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*

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fall Concert Harmonia, Varsity, VM & Flight	Tuesday, September 24th 4:30 call time, 5:30 show	FCHS Auditorium
Fall Concert ACC, CC, ENC, FCS, HV & SM	Tuesday, September 24th 7:00 call time, 8:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
Just the Guys VM, SM, ENC men, CC men & all FCS	Tuesday, October 1st 3:30 dress rehearsal, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
Winter Concert Harmonia, Varsity, VM & Flight	Thursday, December 5th 3:30-5:00 group photos, 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
Sounds of the Season Dress Rehearsals CC, FCS, HV, ENC & ACC	Monday, December 9th-Thursday, December 12th Details and times TBA	FCHS Auditorium
Sounds of the Season Performances ACC, CC, ENC, FCS, HV & SM <i>(free dinner provided between concerts Saturday)</i>	Fri., December 13th, Sat., December 14th 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show Sat., December 14th, Sun., December 15th 1:30 call time, doors open at 2:00 and 2:30 show	FCHS Auditorium
ISSMA Preview Concert Harmonia, Varsity, VM, SM & Flight	Tuesday, February 25th 6:00 call time, doors open at 6:30 and 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
ISSMA Show Choir Contest Flight	Saturday, March 7th Details and times TBA	Whiteland Community HS
ISSMA H.S. Org. Contest #1 Harmonia, Varsity & VM	Saturday, April 18th - ALL DAY Details and times coming after Spring Break	Off Campus- TBD
ISSMA H.S. Org. Contest #2 Flight & ENC	Saturday, April 25th - ALL DAY Details and times coming after Spring Break	Off Campus- TBD
ISSMA State Qualifiers SM, CC/FCS & ACC/HV	Friday, May 1st or Saturday, May 2nd - ALL DAY	FCHS Auditorium
ISSMA State Finals <i>(Pending May 1st or 2nd results)</i>	SM & HV/ACC, Friday, May 8th - ALL EVENING FCS/CC, Saturday, May 9th - ALL DAY	Pike High School
Spring Concert ACC/HV, CC/FCS, ENC, SM & Flight	Tuesday, May 12th 6:00 call time, 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium
Pops Night Harmonia, Varsity & VM	Tuesday, May 19th 6:00 call time, 7:00 show	FCHS Auditorium

Expenses:

\$50 is being charged to all choir students which is due by Monday, August 26th. 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. Students in Accents, Chamber, Encores, FC Singers and High Voltage have this fee incorporated in their show choir fees which have already been billed separately. \$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 Flight. Payments can be made out of pocket any time before Monday, August 26th or you can use the annual choral fundraiser mentioned below. Checks need to be made out to FC Choirs, Inc. Please put your child's full name and ensemble in the memo blank.

Fundraising:

The fundraiser, which will be launched Tuesday, August 6th 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 19th. Any profit earned by a student over \$50 will benefit the choral department. Members of Accents, Chamber Choir, Encores, FC Singers or High Voltage will have their profit rolled over into their FC Choirs, Inc. account. Due to our tax exempt status, all fundraised money is non-refundable.

Remind:

Remind is a free texting 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 as 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	@acc1920	@accpar1920
Chamber	@cham1920	@ccpar1920
Encores	@enc1920	@encpar1920
FC Singers	@fcs1920	@fcspar1920
Harmonia	@harm1920	@harpar1920
High Voltage	@hv1920	@hvpar1920
Flight	@flt1920	@fltpar1920
Statesmen	@smen1920	@smpar1920
Varsity	@va1920	@vapar1920
Vocal Majority	@vmaj1920	@vmajpar20

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

Grading:

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

Summative Assessments (65% of total grade)

Concerts 100 points
Tests 1 pt. per question

Formative Assessments (35% of total grade)

Homework, classwork, etc. 20 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
Monday, August 5th, 2019.

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 26th, 2019
 - Exempt: ACC, CC, ENC, FCS & HV
- ❖ 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 "FC Choirs, Inc."