

Houck Middle School Choir Syllabus

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As a member of Houck Choir, I will...

1. Respect and value myself, my choir family, and Ms. Brandenstein
2. Strive to always contribute positively through voice and attitude
3. Embrace the opportunity to be GREAT

How Choir is Graded:

1. Participation-40%

- Be engaged and focused, giving your 100%, 100% of the time.
- Have your pencil and music/music folder ready when the bell rings.
- Actively participate by singing, reading your music, moving your body, marking your music, etc.
- Stand and sit with good singing posture.
- Listen and sing more than you talk.

2. Performance-30%

- Attendance to all choir concerts is *absolutely required*.
- If there is an **emergency situation** and you cannot make it to the concert, **I require:**
 - A phone call or email BEFORE the concert begins letting me know of your absence and the reason. (my email is at the top of the page)
 - A written letter OR phone call from a parent/guardian explaining the reason for your absence.

3. Reflection-10%

- Weekly written listening activities
- Concert reflections

4. Assessment-10%

There will be vocal assessments every 2 weeks to evaluate the progress that you are making as a musician.

All Houck Concert Dates 2016-2017

- ★ **October 12th**-”Informance” Night
At 7:00pm. Houck Choir room

- ★ **November 1st**-All City Auditions

- ★ **November 8th**-Middle School Choir Festival
During the school day

- ★ **December 6th**-Winter Choir Concert
7:00pm. Houck Gym

- ★ **December 13th**-Houck sings at Capital
1:00pm-1:30pm. State Capitol Building Rotunda

- ★ **February 6th**- North Area Honor Choir Dress Rehearsal
4:00pm-6:00pm. North High School Auditorium

- ★ **February 7th**-North Area Honor Choir Performance
6:00pm. North High School Auditorium

- ★ **March 14th**-Houck Choir Spring Concert
7:00pm. Parrish Auditorium

- ★ **April 18th**-Middle School Advanced Festival
TBA. South Salem High School Auditorium

- ★ **June 1st**- Parrish & Houck Combined Farewell Concert
Tentative

Performance Uniform (Mandatory):

Concert Choir Uniform:

Robes
Black pants/dress/skirt
Black socks/tights
Black dress shoes

Bella Voce & Primo Voce:

Choir T-shirts
Black pants/skirt
Black socks/tights
Black dress shoes

Houck Middle School Choir Contract

2016-2017

For the **choir** member:

I am choosing to become a member of the Houck Middle School Choir program.

By choosing to do this, I will:

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Student Signature: _____

For the choir member's **parent/guardian**:

I will support my students' membership in the choir by allowing them to:

- ★ Participate in all concerts, festivals, and after school rehearsals.
- ★ Be sure my student knows how to get to and from school on concert days and is dressed in the proper concert attire.
- ★ **Provide a working cell phone number and email** to send upcoming choir information to, including concert dates and fundraiser information, as well as on file emergency contact information.

Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian First & Last Name: _____

Email(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____