



Eastern Middle School **Choir Handbook 2019-20**

Welcome to choir! I am very excited that you have chosen to be part of this class at Eastern Middle School. I believe this will be a great experience for all involved!

Parents, your involvement in our choral program is vital for having a successful year. There are many opportunities for parents to participate. You may choose to help with our Choir Boosters, fundraisers and/or chaperoning choir concerts. You may also choose to be a choir booster's donor. These funds pay for music, festivals, clinicians, instruments, trips, etc. A donation slip is attached to this packet. Your attendance at concerts is also very important, not only to support your son or daughter, but also to share in his or her hard work and progress.

Please carefully review the attached information and sign the Agreement Form at the bottom of this page. Your child needs to bring the agreement form back to class, signed, no later than Tuesday, September 3.

For more information about events, contact information, private lessons, study guides, etc., please visit our choir website at:

www.fhechoirs.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to an outstanding year!

Sincerely,
Emily Blink, 7th & 8th Grade Choir
eblink@fhps.net



Eastern Middle School Choir - 2019-2020

Detach and return this portion of the agreement form by Tuesday, September 3.

I have read and understand the contents of the handbook.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email _____
(please print clearly in order to receive choir updates and information)

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

- Come to class on time with proper materials.
- Treat peers and teacher with courtesy and respect.
- Treat all musical materials/equipment with respect.
- Do not chew gum in class.

MUSIC

Each high school and middle school student will receive his or her own choir folder complete with music. The music is owned by the school and must be returned at Mrs. Warren-Blink’s request. If a student loses his or her music, a fee will be charged.

ATTENDANCE

It is expected that all students attend and be on time for every choir function. Absences and frequent tardies from daily rehearsals and/or performances will adversely affect student grades.

GRADING

Daily Participation 40%

This includes being on time for class, demonstrating a positive attitude, having music and pencil each day, demonstrating correct posture, being on task, showing courtesy toward others, having no gum/food/beverage (except water).

Performance Grade 30%

This includes timeliness, wearing proper uniform, demonstrating professionalism and concert etiquette. The only absence that is dismissed is a family emergency or an extreme illness. Notify Mrs. Blink as soon as possible if an absence is necessary. A phone call from a parent or guardian is required. If one concert is missed without prior notification, the student will receive zero points for his or her performance grade.

Written Work 15%

This includes class work, homework and projects.

Test/Quiz Grade 15%

This includes performance quizzes or written tests and quizzes. Subjects will cover IPA symbols, key signatures, musical terms and symbols, music history and quartet performances.

UNIFORMS for performances

Students will wear pants (jeans, khakis, black pants are fine, no tears or holes, please) and an Eastern Middle School T-shirt. Please fill out the bottom portion and include your child’s size and \$6.50. Checks are payable to FHE CHOIR. Your child will need to wear the t-shirt to all choir concerts including the Choral Gala this year. If your child has a choir shirt from the 2017-18 school year (and it still fits), they may use it again this year.



T-shirt Order Form - \$6.50
Checks payable to FHE CHOIR
Forms due on Tuesday, September 3

Child’s Name _____ Grade _____

T-shirt Size (please circle) Youth XL Adult S M L XL 2XL

Middle School Choir – 7th and 8th grade 2019-20 Events

September	10	Choir Boosters Meeting – Optional	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
	17	Music Fundraiser Kick-off	In Class	
	30	Fundraiser Money and Forms Due	In Class	
October	2	Fall Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	Fine Arts Center
	9	8 th Grade Chicago	9am-10pm	Auditorium Lobby
	22	Fundraiser Delivery	3-7 p.m.	
November	12	Choir Boosters Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
December	11	Winter Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	FHE Auditorium
February	11	Choir Boosters Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
March	24	Choral Gala Concert	7:00 p.m.	Fine Arts Center
April	14	Choir Boosters Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
May	13	Spring Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	Fine Arts Center
June	4	7 th Grade Trip to Craig's Cruisers	TBA	Craig's Cruisers

Performances are in bold and are mandatory

Students need to arrive to performances a half hour before the concert starts for a vocal warm-up, arrangement, and short rehearsal

Parents, please mark these dates in your calendar. Thank you!

FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS is a parent organization that supports our students who are in choir at Forest Hills Eastern. We provide chaperones for trips, festivals and concerts. We raise money for guest clinicians, sound equipment, instruments, instructional software, music, busses, food and much more!

Meeting Dates: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Location: TBA
September 10, November 12, February 11, April 14

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS officers are:
President: Connie Culhane
Treasurer: Cathy Calvneau
Secretary: Deb VanderMyde

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS plays an important role in the choir's success. Your generous support will help us continue to provide the opportunities that make choir so rewarding and valuable.



FHE Choir Boosters Donation Form

Parent Name/s _____ Phone _____
(As you would like to appear in programs)

Student's Name/s _____

- Sponsor \$300
- Benefactor \$200
- Patron \$100
- Friend \$50
- Member \$25

Donation checks can be payable to FHE CHOIR. You may give checks to Mrs. Blink at school or:

Mail to: Forest Hills Eastern
Attn: Emily Blink
2200 Pettis
Ada, MI 49301

Thank you for your generous contribution!