

KNOX COUNTY HOMESCHOOL CHORUS

Policies, Guidelines & Registration
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Thank you for your interest in the Knox County Homeschool Chorus! Please read the information below. If you are interested in pursuing membership in the choir, please follow instructions on the registration form. Students who register are strongly encouraged to remain in the choir from September through the end of May.

Our choir is open, with no audition required, to all homeschool children, but a voice check is necessary for all members, in order to place the children in the appropriate vocal parts.

I look forward to making music with your children!

Sincerely,
Katie Howe
KCHC Director

Rehearsals:

Where: Located in the recital hall at Bill Jones Music,
10412 Kingston Pike in West Knoxville

When: Wednesdays 2:30-3:45 (new time, as of August 2018)

Rehearsal include vocal training and music theory in conjunction with the teaching of the repertoire.

Costs:

\$25 one time, once per family, registration fee

1 time uniform purchase fee (approximately \$20+ tax for uniform polo shirt to be worn in performances)

9 monthly payments of: 1st child: \$40/month 2 kids: \$65/month 3 kids:\$80/month
additional kids: \$5/month (payments are due at the beginning of each month)

Uniform: As mentioned above, students will be asked to purchase a choir polo that will be worn at many of their performances this year (and in the years to come). Students will also be asked to wear solid color khakis and solid color, closed toe shoes for each performance.

As of August 2018, an alternate performance “uniform” will be required. Girls: Solid black dress (if short, black tights must be worn) OR solid black skirt and white blouse. Guys: Solid black dress pants, long-sleeved, solid white button up shirt, tie of any color. All students should wear dark color, solid dress shoes.

Performances: KCHC will perform a minimum of 2 times each year; once in December, and once in May. A few additional performances will likely occur throughout the year, including but not limited to: Nursing Homes, Church Nativity Festivals, Fantasy of Trees, etc.

Music: Music and binders will be provided, and will remain the property of the choir. Binders will be checked out to students at the beginning of the semester and returned at the end of each semester. Failure to return the binder or any music, will result in a fee equaling the cost of the misplaced music, as well as a fee to cover restocking/shipping for the replacement of the lost music. Music that is damaged or marked, limiting future use, will result in a fee equaling the cost of the damaged music. Repertoire will consist of unison and multi-part singing. We will be singing a wide variety of age appropriate sacred, folk, classical, baroque, American and international music.

Commitments required:

- KCHC December and Spring Concert participation
- Membership in KCHC requires a commitment to faithful, consistent and punctual attendance. Due to the nature of the choir, when a student is absent, the entire choir suffers. For us to achieve our goals, attendance at all rehearsals are expected. Notify the director if your child will be absent. Therefore, if a student misses more than 5 rehearsals in a semester, the student may continue to attend rehearsals, but will need to pass a singing “test” in order to participate in performances. If the test is not passed, the student may not participate in that performance
- Students are asked to commit to a full year in the choir (from September through May). The commitment of each member is important, in order to achieve unity and consistency within the choir.

Your responsibilities in KCHC:

1. Understand and follow all policies and procedures
2. Exhibit self-discipline and act appropriately at all times.
3. Treat others with respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness.
 4. Take KCHC membership seriously and show you are committed to KCHC by doing your best to participate fully in rehearsals and performances
 5. Be a positive representation of KCHC at our rehearsals and performances.
 6. Faithfully attend rehearsals and all scheduled performances. Exceptions include illness or absence due to an unforeseen circumstance.
 7. Notify the director of any absences

Rehearsal Expectations:

1. Choir members should be punctual to all rehearsals
2. Once rehearsal begins, students may not leave for restroom or water unless there is an emergency.
3. If your music has been checked out, it must be returned to the following rehearsal
4. If a member cannot actively participate in rehearsal, the director should be notified prior to the rehearsal and the student will be asked to observe attentively
5. Pay attention to the director!
6. Once rehearsal begins, talking should be limited to conversation about the pieces.
7. Raise your hand if you need help or have a question
8. Electronic devices must remain on silent and stored away during all rehearsals
9. All marks in the music must be made in pencil.
10. Music that is damaged or lost will result in a fine equalling the cost of the damaged or lost music.

Facility Expectations:

1. Students are asked to be respectful of other classes and lessons happening within the music school.
2. Students may not roam around the building without parental supervision
3. Keep the rehearsal space and lobby area clean
4. Students are NOT permitted to wait outside the building. They may wait to be picked up in the downstairs lobby, near the side entrance of the building or in the recital hall.

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Registration Form

Please read the above policies and guidelines, print, sign and mail this form, along with your \$25 registration fee (per family) to:

Knox County Homeschool Chorus
Attn: Marjorie Jones
10412 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37922

I, _____ have read and agree to the above policies and
(parent/guardian name here)
guidelines regarding participation in the Knox County Homeschool Chorus.

Student Name (s):

Age: List any previous Musical Experience:

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Parent/Guardian Name (s):

Email Address:

Phone #:
