

Angleton High School  
Choir Department

Student/Parent Handbook

2018-2019

Happiness is...  
Singing in a Choir.



Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome all to the Angleton High School Choir! It is the hope of the Choral Department that you will enjoy your years of success in our organization. The Choral Music Department in Angleton is active around the campus and community. As a member of this organization, you will have the opportunity to sing in concerts, compete in contests, travel on trips, earn letterman jackets, and learn skills that you will use for a lifetime. We look forward to an exciting year of making music!

The AHS Choir Handbook contains valuable information you must know. To ensure that you understand this information (and to ensure WE know the information we need about YOU), please take the time to fill out the Choir Handbook Google Form – please follow the date provided to ensure that you get credit for turning in your forms on time (ON OR BY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>)! Students are responsible for turning in Choir dues by this date as well. Please refer to the “Monetary Requirements for Choir” information for a breakdown of fees. Make checks payable to “AHS Choir Boosters.” I require all students to sign up for REMIND – this, as well as our website, will be our main methods of communication regarding our busy calendar. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE parents to also sign up.

Please find the calendar of AHS CHOIR EVENTS. We have a VERY busy year planned, beginning with our DISNEY Concert, auditioning for District/Region Choir, paying tribute to our Veterans at our patriotic concert, celebrating at our Holiday Concert, hosting Solo & Ensemble, competing at UIL Contest, and ending with Broadway Show and banquet. Those are just a few of many performances and activities... LIVE BY THE CALENDAR. I will keep an updated list of events on the Choir website ([angletonchoir.com](http://angletonchoir.com)) and also send updates through REMIND. The daily announcements will always be posted on the website.

Parents, please get involved with the Booster Club when you can. They make all of these events possible for your children. They do a fantastic job of raising money for the program. Next year we will be taking a “big trip”, and participating in fundraisers gains money for your student for that trip.

Thank you in advance for a great year. We work hard, but have a good time while we work. If you have questions, please email or call anytime. We look forward to many successes in the months to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Stewart".

Tony Stewart, Angleton ISD Supervisor of Choral Activities  
(979) 997-7258 [tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaina Perez".

Elaina Perez, AHS Associate Choir Director  
[eperez@angletonisd.net](mailto:eperez@angletonisd.net)

# Sign up for important updates from T. Stewart.

Get information for Angleton High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

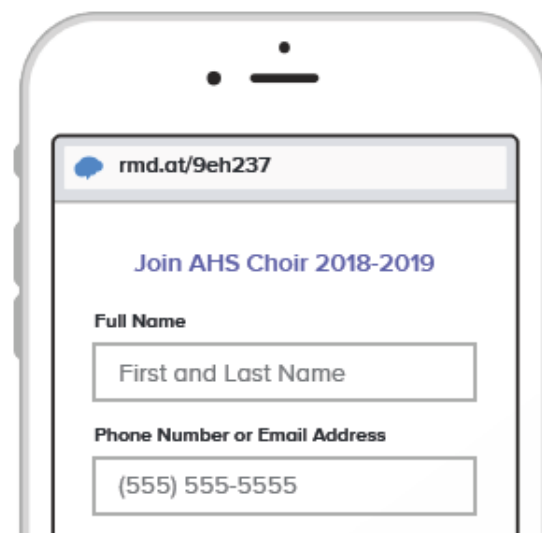
Pick a way to receive messages for **AHS Choir 2018-2019**:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/9eh237](https://rmd.at/9eh237)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@9eh237](https://t.me/9eh237) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@9eh237](https://t.me/9eh237) to **(979) 227-4863**.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/9eh237](https://rmd.at/9eh237) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

# Monetary Requirements for Choir:

Required fees:

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. Technology/Supply Fee - | \$18.00 |
| 2. Dry Cleaning -          | \$12.00 |

**TOTAL FEES DUE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> – \$30.00\***

\*Other Choir extracurricular expenses will take place throughout the year (Renaissance Festival, Thanksgiving Dinner, Houston Grand Opera, etc.). These extra events are encouraged, but not mandatory.

\*\*If students are in monetary need, the Booster Club will offer payment plans and/or scholarships for the required fees. Please email [tonys@angletonisd.net](mailto:tonys@angletonisd.net) if you have questions.

CHECKS SHOULD ALWAYS BE MADE PAYABLE TO: **AHS CHOIR BOOSTER CLUB**

## Required Uniform Items:

1. All Guys – black dress shoes and tall black socks. Easy costumes throughout the year will be needed for pop concerts.
2. All Girls – black closed-toed character/dress shoes. No noisy high heels. Spanx are suggested for all (the choir dresses highlight bellybuttons in stage lighting). Easy costumes throughout the year will be needed for pop concerts.
3. Show Choir – More extensive costumes are needed for this group. Please plan ahead with costumes, especially for our Princess Tea Party and Broadway Show.

\*The uniform fee is required so we can dry clean your uniforms. You are not required to dry clean your uniforms yourself.

\*\*Dresses and tux pants must be TEMPORARILY altered for each student. Please remember that the hem must be a TEMPORARY hem.

# **STUDENT CHOIR OFFICERS**

**2018-2019**

**AVARY BLACK – VICE PRESIDENT**

**JENNIFER DOMINGUEZ – CHAPLAIN**

**DEVON DOPORTO – (ASSISTANT) EVENTS COORDINATOR**

**ERICA ESTRADA – PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**BRAYLIN GOOLSBY – (ASSISTANT) UNIFORM PERSON**

**NIDIA GUEVARA-NOLASCO – (ASSISTANT) UNIFORM PERSON**

**NICHOLAS HOWELL – PRESIDENT**

**BRIANA JOHNSON – LIBRARIAN**

**SCOTT LAYMAN – TREASURER**

**NATALIE LOUVIERE – CHAPLAIN**

**ERIN MENDEZ – FRESHMAN LIAISON**

**MIA MINTZ – DANCE CAPTAIN**

**ANA MONTEALEGRE – JUNIOR HIGH LIAISON**

**CAMERON OLER – HISTORIAN**

**LAURYN RUNYAN – (HEAD) EVENTS COORDINATOR**

**JAKOB STANFORD – SECRETARY**

**AUBREY TURNER – HISTORIAN**

**MORGAN WHITE – LIBRARIAN**

Hello Singers of Angleton High School Choir! My name is Nicholas, and I am excited to serve you as this year's Choir President! I am glad to see so many students joining Choir this year, and I hope y'all have as much fun as I have these past years. Choir is filled with so many great opportunities and memorable moments that will be cherished for life. I am looking forward to a great year of fun and success!

I am excited to go on trips and participate in competitions with y'all! Throughout the school year, we will have opportunities to travel from our school to perform, compete, have fun, and make beautiful music. We will travel to other schools to compete in the All-State process, journey to UT Austin for State Solo and Ensemble, attend operas and musicals in Houston, and even venture to the Renaissance Festival! Many of these activities are voluntary - **BE ACTIVE IN OUR ORGANIZATION!** The best experiences happen when you choose to do more!

Choir is a safe place for everyone. Choir is more than just an elective, it's a FAMILY. You're going to hear that a lot in this class because it's true. Among students and alumni of our Choir there remains a strong sense of connection. The bonds created here are truly unbreakable!

Once again, I am so excited for this upcoming year! The officers and I are here to make sure everything runs smoothly and that you have the best experience possible in Choir this year. I know we all will continue to do amazing things for the legacy that is Angleton High School Choir. If you need anything ever, just ask.

Your President,  
Nicholas Howell

# AHS CHOIR GRADING POLICY

There will be three areas graded in Choir:

## **I. Participation and effort**

Students will be given a grade for their participation, ATTITUDE and EFFORT in class and at all events (performances in and out of schools, performances of other choirs, community services, extra rehearsals, etc.) Students will always get a weekly participation grade for classwork.

## **II. Quizzes, Tests**

There will be anywhere from one to three oral, sight-singing and written quizzes each nine weeks period over the information covered in class. The student is expected to learn the skill of reading music and also to have prepared all of the choral music for any given concert. Many of these tests will be assessed during class as a group and not one-on-one.

## **III. Performances**

Performance is an integral part of the culmination of musical learning (TEC, TEKS); therefore a large part of student grades will be determined by his/her attendance and punctuality at performances. Students should consider each performance equal to a nine weeks exam - all performances are test grades. Most performances will also have a grade for the dress rehearsal.

# AHS CHOIR CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege; therefore, AHS Choir sets higher standards for participants than it does for those students who choose not to participate in Choir. This Code of Conduct extends beyond the Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This Code of Conduct will be enforced with respect to all students participating in Choir:

Regardless of whether school is in session;

Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs.

Regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in season and

Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

There will be consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from the Choir directors. No one incident may remove a student from any extracurricular activity, however, an incident combined with other infractions could result in removal from the extracurricular activity.

Conduct prohibited under the Choir Code of Conduct include but are not limited to:

\*Felony

\*Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations (excluding traffic violations)

\*Engaging in bullying or hazing – whether in person or via any electronic format.

\*Engaging in lewd or vulgar behavior – whether in person or via any electronic format.

\*Engaging in sexting, the inappropriate use of electronic communication or the distribution/possession of lewd materials.

\*Behavior which results in placement in alternative school.

Nothing in this Choir Code of Conduct limits a director's ability to enforce consequences for violations of organizational rules. The director will determine whether a violation has occurred and take action.

# AHS CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

1. Every student must be ready with a pencil and music in their spot ON THE RISERS when the bell rings for class to start every day. All other school supplies must be stored on the designated shelves in the room. Our goal is to always begin learning together. Students without a pencil will need to borrow one from the basket before the bell rings.
2. No off-task talking or gum chewing during rehearsal. Only bottled water is acceptable on the risers. No cell phones should ever be out unless the student has been given specific permission from Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Perez. Students that choose to disturb class will be given the following consequences:  
(1) Stewart detention, (2) call/email to parents, (3) written up and handled by a principal.
3. Raise your hand to ask a question. Teamwork is encouraged, but talking in your section is almost always not appropriate.
4. Music belongs in your folders/folder slot. Lunch detention will be given if your folder or music is left out of its slot. Replacement of original music will result in a fee of the cover price of the music. (approximately \$2.00-5.00 each)
5. Tardies - see the AHS student handbook. If you are not in the classroom with the needed supplies (pencil/music) and on the risers, you are considered tardy. NO exceptions!!!
6. Absence from concerts or improper attire will not be tolerated and will result in a severe loss of grade points. Above all else, be early for each concert and dressed in the proper attire. Performances are major grades (often two test grades).
7. Students are expected to behave in a mature and dignified manner in class, at extra rehearsals, and performances. By being in Choir, you are representing our program – PEOPLE ARE WATCHING HOW YOU ACT. Attentiveness is expected from students towards the person in charge at the moment - - whether it be the director, substitute, officer, assigned student or visiting guest. RUDENESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!
8. Students are expected to maintain good posture and a POSITIVE, industrious attitude during rehearsals.
9. Habitually leaving the choir room for personal reasons (restrooms, drinks, etc.) is not acceptable. Remember the educational time missed from a choral classroom realistically cannot be made up.
10. Class will end upon dismissal by the director and not when the bell rings.



# Angleton High School Choir

## BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Responsible Use Guidelines

This year, AHS Choir will be implementing the new BYOD policies and procedures. Please read the guidelines below, sign that you understand, and return this form with the other forms in the Choir Handbook. Thank you.

1. AHS Choir will allow students to use electronic devices as directed by the Choir teachers. Students will refer to instructions on the dry erase board to determine when devices are allowed and appropriate.
2. It is an expectation that devices will only be used for educational purposes as directed by the Choir teachers.
3. I will respect the privacy of other students. I will NOT take pictures or videos of other students unless instructed by a Choir teacher for educational purposes (Solo & Ensemble tests, recruiting videos, etc.)
4. I will practice internet safety habits by always using the school district wireless network. If I find inappropriate content, I will close my device and ask my teacher for help immediately.
5. Students will not be allowed to charge devices in the Choir room anywhere except the designated charge station. Please care for your device by bringing it to school charged and keeping in your possession at all times.
6. Students must learn how to use devices before using them in AHS Choir.