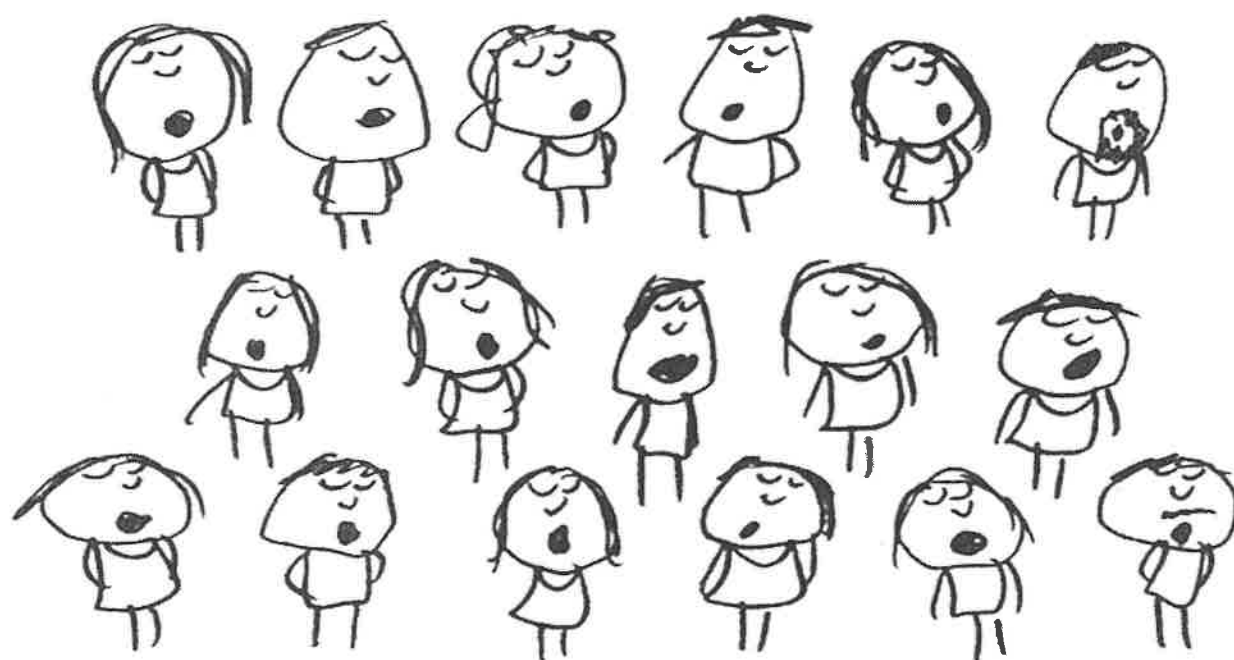


ANGLETON HIGH SCHOOL
CHOIR DEPARTMENT
STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

2021-2022



SING YOUR HEART OUT!

Choir

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to Angleton High School Choir! As a member of this organization, you will have the opportunity to sing in concerts, compete in contests, travel on trips, earn a letterman jacket, and learn skills that you will use for a lifetime. We look forward to an exciting, successful, and fun year of making music!

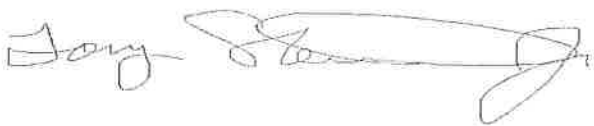
This AHS Choir Handbook contains important forms which must be completed and returned! Students are responsible for turning in Choir dues and bringing Choir supplies as well. Our due date for forms, dues, and supplies is September 3rd. Please refer to the "Monetary Requirements for Choir" information for a breakdown of fees and supplies. All students are also required to sign up for REMIND – this will be our main method of communication regarding our busy calendar. Parents are also highly encouraged to also sign up.

Please find the calendar of AHS CHOIR EVENTS in this handbook. We have a busy year planned... this means more opportunities for you! Those of you who are returning students will be a part of concerts and auditions that you have participated in before, but will also have the opportunity to experience new Choir events. LIVE BY THE CALENDAR. There is an updated calendar of events on the Choir website (Angletonchoir.com) and you will also receive regular updates through REMIND.

Keep in mind that this is a BIG TRIP year! Our booster club will provide ample opportunities to fundraise so everyone can travel with us (pending eligibility). We will have a mandatory parent/student meeting on August 26th for everyone interested in this trip.

Parents, please get involved with the Booster Club when you can. Many of the events that we plan would be impossible without booster support. They do a fantastic job of raising money for the program and for your children. Your participation in activities and fundraisers not only benefits the Choir program, but also benefits your child specifically.

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



Tony Stewart, Angleton ISD Supervisor of Choral Activities

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Elaina Perez, AHS Associate Choir Director

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Choir Communication

Remind Codes:

- Chorale - text @423c799 to 81010
- Prelude - text @7egeh4 to 81010
- Wildcat Singers - text @24h8kg to 81010
- The Crescendos - text @2c734g to 81010
- Choir Officers – text @7ch6ha to 81010
- Booster Club (parents) – text @8766922 to 81010

Instagram:

- angletonchoir

Facebook:

- Angleton High School Choir
- Angleton High School Choir Booster Club

Website:

- www.ingletonchoir.com

Google Classroom

Requirements for Choir

Monetary Requirement - \$25

Student members of AHS are expected to pay a \$25 Choir fee. This fee goes towards the expenses of your uniform dry cleaning, Choir t-shirt, and various other needed classroom supplies. If the deadline for Choir dues is problematic for your family, the Booster Club will offer payment plans and/or scholarships for the required fees. Please email tonys@angletonisd.net if you have questions.

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

Supplies Requirements – Students are asked to bring the following

1. A case of water
2. Container of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
3. Pack of pencils

FEES AND SUPPLIES ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

Uniform Items – These are needed for performances and concerts

1. Guys – black dress shoes, tall black socks. White undershirt.
2. Girls – black closed-toed dress or character shoes. No noisy high heels. Spanx are suggested for all.
3. Show Choir – Additional costumes are needed for this group. AHS Choir will give you ample time to plan ahead for these costumes costumes.

**Dresses and tux pants will be issued to students. If alterations are needed, all adjustments or hems must be temporary.

AHS CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

Every student must be ready with a pencil, binder with all music, and in their assigned spot when the bell rings for class to start every day. Our goal is to always begin learning together. If you are not in the classroom with the needed supplies (pencil/music) and in your spot, you are considered tardy. NO exceptions!!!

Water is the only food/drink allowed during class. 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) classroom detention, (2) call/email to parent, (3) office write up

Raise your hand to ask a question. Teamwork is encouraged, but talking in your section is almost always not appropriate.

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, student officer, or visiting guest. Rudeness will not be tolerated!

Students are expected to maintain good posture and a POSITIVE, industrious attitude during rehearsals. Sitting on the risers is only allowed with prior permission from Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Perez.

Habitually leaving the choir room for personal reasons (restrooms, drinks, etc.) is not acceptable. Students will be given three hall passes per grading period that he/she may use at their discretion. Remember: the educational time missed from rehearsal realistically cannot be made up.

Chairs and supplies are purposefully placed for the success and safety of all in our room. Do not move chairs around. Put supplies back where you found them.

Class will end upon dismissal by the director and not when the bell rings.

General Guidelines:

1. Feel free to do anything that does not cause a problem for anyone else.
2. Teaching will happen when there are no distractions or other problems.
3. Students who raise their hand will be acknowledged.
4. The director will listen to one person at a time.
5. Please treat your director with the same respect you are shown.
6. If someone causes a problem, something will be done.
7. The action of the director will depend on what happened and what the person is willing to do to solve the problem.

CHOIR GRADING POLICY

There are three areas graded in Choir:

1. Participation and Effort

Students will be given a weekly grade for their participation, attitude, and effort in class. This will be assessed daily by Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Perez.

2. Sight Reading

There will normally be one or two sight-reading assignments each week. Many of these evaluations will be assessed during class as a group during daily sight-singing practice. Other opportunities for graded sight-reading successes will be Sight Reading Factory assignments and written sight-reading speed drills.

3. Performance Attendance

Performance is an integral part of the culmination of Choral success; therefore a large part of grades will be determined by 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 test grade for the dress rehearsal.

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet one of the following requirements to obtain their letterman jacket or letter blanket for Choir. If the student already has a jacket for another organization, the student will receive a letter.

- Participate in Choir for four full years (letter to be received the spring semester of Senior year)
- Participate in an All-State Choir
- Participate in an ACDA Honor Choir

Texas Music Scholar/Honor Graduate Requirements

Students who meet the criteria will be recognized as a Texas Music Scholar. Please see the TMEA website for the detailed list of requirements for this honor. If a student is a senior, he/she will also be recognized as an Honor Graduate and will receive a pink music honor cord for graduation. This distinction can be achieved each school year and students must meet all requirements in one school year to be recognized as a Texas Music Scholar and/or Honor Graduate for that school year. Students can only be recognized as an Honor Graduate if they meet all the criteria their senior year.

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 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
Choir at the time the prohibited conduct occurs; and
Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

There will be consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from the Choir directors. Violation of the AHS Choir Code of Conduct will lead to disciplinary actions established by Angleton ISD, but ultimately can also lead to immediate removal from the Choir program. The director has the authority to determine whether a violation has occurred.

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

- *Felony or 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.
- *Behavior that in any way otherwise poorly reflects upon the program.

Concert Attendance

Attendance is mandatory at all concerts, performances, and dress rehearsals. The Choir schedule of events is prepared well in advance (all major performances are scheduled before school even begins) to give ample time to arrange work schedules, driver's ed., transportation, etc. Work is never an excuse to miss a performance – do not ask to be the exception to this rule.

Students are expected to keep a schedule of all other school events. If there is a conflict in your schedule with another activity, notify Mr. Stewart or Mrs. Perez immediately. All teachers/coaches at Angleton High School make every effort to share students so that students are not forced to make a choice of one activity over another. A Choir performance takes priority over a practice of another activity.

Concert Etiquette

Clapping is the appropriate way to show appreciation for the performance rather than whistling or cheering.

Restless or fussy children should be taken to the lobby outside of the auditorium.

If it is completely necessary to leave the auditorium during a concert, enter/exit the auditorium quietly and only between songs (during the applause). Audience members should never be moving around during songs as it distracts performers and other audience members.

It is impolite to talk or even whisper while music is being performed.

It is against auditorium rules to eat or drink in the house (audience area).

Make certain that all cell phones and devices are turned to silent during performances. Sometimes it is appropriate to take pictures or videos, but flash photography is never acceptable.

Do not place your feet on or kick the seat in front of you.

Appropriate Communication

Students are given ample notice of scheduled rehearsals, performances, and activities to ensure that conflicts are minimal. As students continue their quest to be responsible adults and perfect the art of balancing and organizing activities and calendars, it is their responsibility to inform parents, employers, coaches, sponsors, and other teachers of Choir activities. Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Perez expect students to communicate with the various sponsors and generate their own solution to any conflict. Simply stating that, "I won't be at the rehearsal because I have ping-pong practice," is neither adequate nor appropriate.

Instead, something along the following lines will be outstanding and show maturity and understanding: "I have spoken with the ping-pong coach and have spoken with you, and I have worked out that my participation in the ping-pong practice in two weeks is more vital than this week's because our match is the following Friday. Is it okay if I come to this week's Choir rehearsal but miss next week's so I can attend that ping-pong practice? That's okay with the coach, and I realize that I will have to make-up my time for Choir."

Never, ever go up to Mr. Stewart and just say, "I can't be at the concert tonight." It shows disrespect for your team and what the group is trying to accomplish together. Would you ever go up to your coach and say, "I can't be at the game tonight because I have..."? NO! So why would you do that to your Choir directors?

Instead, a better thing to say would be, "Something came up that is a conflict with the concert tonight, and I need some help in finding a solution," or "There's a conflict with tonight's concert, and I can't figure out how to solve it." Those types of approaches show that you care about the conflict's resolution and respect your director, your fellow Choir members, and the Choir's goals enough to try to work something out.

When conflicts arise between two organizations, students should try to work out the conflict well in advance by communicating with both directors/sponsors. If the student is unable to work out a solution, the parents and directors will then get involved and work out a solution. Learning to work conflicts out through proper means of communication is an essential life skill, and it is one that the AHS Choir wishes to encourage its students to develop.

Academic Eligibility

All Choir students are responsible for maintaining high academic standards. Eligibility rules for participation are as follows:

- Please note that throughout the year, curriculum-based performances (Fall Pop Concert, Christmas Concert, UIL Concerts, Broadway Show) that are a performance grade for the Choir do NOT require eligibility to participate. All students must perform on these concerts as part of their Choir grade.
- At the end of the first six weeks and at the end of every nine weeks, students with a failing grade in any class (69 or below) will become academically ineligible and may not participate in many activities (this would include all auditions and any performance or trip off campus).
- Every three weeks, an ineligible student may regain eligibility by passing ALL subjects. S/he will be eligible to participate in choir activities following a one-week grace period. If s/he is failing any course, the student will continue to be ineligible for the next three weeks.
- Please note that, with the exception of the second progress report of the year (given out at the six-week mark), a student can only LOSE eligibility from Report Cards. A student who passes everything on a report card stays eligible for the next 9 weeks regardless of any progress report grades. A student cannot lose eligibility based on a progress report grade, but failing a class on a progress report can keep a student ineligible.
- Singers in Chorale must maintain their eligibility status throughout the year. Any student in this group who becomes ineligible may be put on probation for the rest of the year. If a probationary student is ineligible a second time during the year, the director reserves the right to move the student to an alternate Choir, thus allowing the student more time to focus on their academic needs.
- It is possible that during the school year, a student may fail an advanced placement or dual credit course, but meets the requirements listed in the AISD Student/Parent Handbook to complete an eligibility waiver.
- Some non-UIL events require eligibility due to Texas Education Agency rules. These include but are not limited to any event that charges admission, any competition, and any event/performance that requires travel off campus. All ineligible students will participate in any event where it is legal to do so.

Hi choir! My name is Jasmine Shehadeh and I'm so excited to be your 2021-2022 Choir President! Welcome back to all my returning singers. To my new members, I'm so glad you're joining us on our journey to greatness.

We're going to have so much fun with all the new friends I know you'll make. You can start looking forward to lots of socials, concerts, competitions, and more! Everyone will have lots of opportunities to go out of their comfort zone; Use Those Opportunities!!! The best memories come from new experiences.

It might sound cheesy, but choir truly is a family. There's a place for everyone in this program. You'll get to make so many friends here and I can't wait to be one of them. If you ever need any help, feel free to reach out to me or any other officer. We're all here to make choir a home for you so we can all grow as individual performers and a family.

Your President,
Jasmine Shehadeh
(979) 481-7692

2021-2022 Choir Officers

President - Jasmine Shehadeh

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AMK0105@outlook.com

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979-288-3400

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Events Coordinator - James Capps

832-949-7285

Snap: jamesdaweeb

Dance Captain - Olivia Smith

979-248-9093

Snap: yo.itsolivia05

Insta: its.olivia.smith

Freshman Representative -

CHOIR STUDENT SOCIALS

AUGUST 13TH _ CHOIR FISH CAMP

SEPTEMBER 9TH _ MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 28TH _ HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER 18TH _ THANKSGIVING DINNER

DECEMBER 9TH _ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

JANUARY 27TH _ KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 24TH _ VIDEO GAME NIGHT

MARCH 10TH _ BOWLING ALLEY TRIP

APRIL 12TH _ KARAOKE SOCIAL

MAY 20TH _ BANQUET/DANCE PARTY

Choir Daily Schedule

7:30 – 8:00 – Before School Rehearsal

8:05 – 8:50 – Conference Period

8:55 – 9:40 – Chorale

9:45 – 10:30 – Advanced Piano

10:30 – 11:05 – Acceleration Rehearsal

11:10 – 11:55 – The Crescendos

11:55 – 1:25 – Lunch

1:30 – 2:15 – Wildcat Singers

2:20 – 3:05 – Prelude

3:10 – 3:55 – Beginning Piano

Private Voice Lesson Information

- Prices of private lessons are determined by the instructor. Prices do vary. Private lesson instructors do require payment prior to each lesson.
- Students will have the opportunity to work individually with a skilled voice teacher. Lessons will cover musical technique, All-State music, Solo & Ensemble music, and other solo repertoire.

Please return this form if you would like more information about voice lessons!! One of our voice teachers will contact you directly.

Student Name - _____

Student Cell Number- _____

Parent Name - _____

Parent Email - _____

Parent Cell Number - _____

Questions? Email tonys@angletonisd.net.

Choir Booster Membership

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! The Booster Club invites you and your family to join in making a difference in our children's performing arts education. Our mission is to help provide the best experience for all students, and we cannot do it without you! You do not need to be a choir student parent to join. Family members, friends or anyone who just loves our Choirs may become a Booster club member!

Annual membership is only \$10.00 per family

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Dates for this year are:

August 3rd September 7th October 5th November 2nd December 7th
January 4th February 1st March 1st April 5th May 3rd

Anne Smith – Choir Booster President 2021-2022
alsteach@hotmail.com

Membership Form

Please Print

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Please list all children that are part of our Angleton High School Choir Program

Student Name	Grade	Choir

Make checks payable to AHS Choir Booster Club

AHS Choir/Piano Student Information Sheet

Name - _____

Grade in School – Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Student Cell Number - _____

Choir/Piano Class Period(s) – 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Other School Organizations - _____

Student's Employer - _____

T-shirt Size - _____ Birthday - _____

Parent Name - _____

Parent Email - _____

Parent Cell Number - _____

ANGLETON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR TRAVEL PERMISSION AGREEMENT

I give my permission for my child, _____, to travel on school provided transportation with the Angleton High School Choir on all Choir activities for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Should a simple problem arise, we grant the trip sponsors the authority to administer simple medication or see that professional care be administered. Parents will be consulted on any major medical emergencies.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

This form verifies that the Angleton High School Choir Handbook has been read by the undersigned and both parties understand and are in agreement with the rules and standards stated in the document.

PARENT: I understand the commitments stated in the choir handbook and I am prepared to support my son's or daughter's obligations to this organization.

(PARENT PRINTED NAME)

(PARENT SIGNATURE)

STUDENT: I have carefully read the MCHS Choir Handbook and understand the rules stated therein. My signature signifies my willingness to comply with obligations required by this organization.

(STUDENT'S PRINTED NAME)

(STUDENT'S SIGNATURE)