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Glen Rose High School Varsity Mixed Choir
Syllabus 2023-2024

I – Mission Statement

The mission of the Glen Rose High School Mixed Choir is to perform with the finest elements of musicianship and choral singing through performance, character, and leadership. Students commit their abilities to grow as individuals through performance in their school, community, and surrounding area.

II – Course Description and supplies

Mixed Choir	2 nd period
Grade Level(s)	9 -12
Pre-requisite(s)	none or JHS Choir
Supplies – ½ inch black three ring binder	

III – Course Objectives

Students learn fundamental-advanced skills:

- Proper singing techniques
- Music Theory terms
- Reading and performing music with artistry
- Sight-reading using solfege, Curwin hand signs, and audiation
- Performing at a high level of musicianship using choral techniques
- Knowledge of music history, styles, and periods

IV – Course Requirements

- Attend and participate in all rehearsals, concerts, contest, and events
- Follow routines, procedures, and classroom rules

V – Classroom Expectations

- Be on the risers in assigned spot with folder/music/pencil before the bell
- Use the restroom before class
- Actively participate
- Respect yourself, teachers, and others
- Raise your hand if you have a question
- Be positive to classmates and teacher
- Follow choral techniques

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VI – Concert Expectations

- Attend all concerts
- Arrive on time in proper uniform to call times
- Come prepared for performance with equipment, and music memorized
- Display a high level of character through concert and performance etiquette

VII – Grading Policy

600 points = Concerts, performances, contests, singing test

100 = Weekly Participation Grade, Quizzes, Daily Assignments, Singing Quizzes

VIII - Discipline Procedure

1st offense – warning verbal, or non-verbal

2nd offense – warning verbal or non-verbal, conference with
student and phone call to parent

3rd offense – Referral to office, and phone call to parent

IX – Attendance: Daily, Concert, Outside Rehearsals, and other events

Daily Attendance:

Absences: Daily attendance is crucial to learning music for concerts. Multiple unexcused or excused absences may cause the student to be withdrawn from an upcoming event. The student is responsible for learning music.

Tardies: If a student is tardy to class three or more times it may result in not being able to perform in the next concert. The director will make the decision on whether or not to allow the student to perform. A referral will be issued to students with 3 or more tardies in a 6 weeks. You must present a tardy pass in order to be excused.

After School Rehearsals/tutorials:

Sometimes after school rehearsals are needed for sections, individuals, or the choir in order to secure music parts. Students are expected to attend these rehearsals.

Tutorials: Students may schedule a time to meet after school starting at 4:00 pm until the designated release time. Generally, tutorials will be held Mondays 4 pm – 5 pm and Wednesdays 4pm – 4:45 pm after the musical is completed.

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Concert Attendance:

Concert attendance is mandatory. Students are expected to perform in all events inside and outside of school. This class is performance based, and concerts are a major part of a six weeks, or final exam grade.

Concert/Rehearsal Absence:

Students/Parents must provide a communication document signed by a parent, given to the director explaining their absence. If the absence is excused by the director, then the student will sing their concert music, from memory for Mr. Teal after school for their grade.

Types of Communication Documents:

- Hand written letter signed by student and parent; given to the director
- Phone call conference with director and parent/guardian
- Email documentation from parent/guardian, and reply from director

Concert Etiquette:

- No cell phone use during a concert or performance
- No food, drinks, or gum allowed in the auditorium
- Hold applause until a song is over
- Do not scream, or yell during a song
- Please do not talk during a song
- Do not leave during a song, wait until the song is over before exiting

Other Event(s):

Our Choir is asked to perform at events, and sometimes given little notice. Students are expected to participate in any performances that arise.

X – Cell Phone Policy other electronic devices:

Cell phone use is strictly prohibited during class time, or concerts. Students are not allowed to use cell phones at any time, unless directed by the teacher to do so. Cell phones will be taken up and turned into the office, which may be collected by a parent at the end of the day. Phones should be turned off and placed in their back pack.

Ear buds: students are not allowed to wear ear buds in class, they will need to be taken off, put up, and out of sight.

Smart watches: You may wear a smart watch. However, if it is noticeable that you are constantly distracted by it, whether it is messaging etc. Then you will be asked to put it in your bag.

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XI – Choir Council

The Choir Council is selected by the director through an application and interview process. Choir Council members must attend all events, and maintain academic eligibility to retain their position. Officer positions are: President, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Librarian, Warm-up Leader, and Section Leaders. Students may serve as a section leader and one other position.

XII – Concert Uniform and Uniform Fee

Each Student is required to pay a uniform fee of \$25 due Friday, August 25th. This is a rental/cleaning/alterations fee. GRHS provides concert dresses for ladies, and tuxedos for men. Uniforms are returned after the final concert. Students are required to provide the following:

Girls: Black Plain Flats (no shiny or off colors)
Boys: Black Dress Shoes, and Black Socks

Uniform fitting session: During Class

Uniforms are to be placed on a hanger when not in use. Please keep uniforms out of the bag after a concert. Please use the bag when transporting your uniform. Make sure to try on your uniform once it is checked out to you. This way we can make any necessary changes. Please do not alter the uniform in any way. Do not place it in your locker, or your back pack.

XIII – Choir Shirt

Students must purchase a GRHS Choir Shirt. Choir shirts are used to perform in. A letter for shirts will go home once a design is chosen by the students.

XIV – Food and Drink Policy

There is no food or drinks allowed in the Choir room. All food and drink items found, will be disposed of immediately. Students are allowed to have a bottle of water in a concealed container with a lid. There is no food or drink allowed in rehearsals/concerts, or the auditorium. No gum.

XV – Choir Letterman

A student may letter in choir and earn a letterman's jacket by fulfilling one of the following requirements: Make the TMEA All-region Choir and attend the Clinic and Concert, advance to state on a Class I solo or ensemble and perform at the State Contest, 4 years in High School Choir with participation in at least three previous UIL Contests.

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XVI – TMEA All-state Choir

TMEA SSC All-State is a three round audition process to select the Region 5 All-Region Small School Choir. Advancement is Region, Area, and All-state. Students who make the All-State Choir will attend the TMEA Music Convention in San Antonio in February with the other All-State members, and perform with the All-State Choir in concert at the conclusion of the convention. Please talk to Mr. Teal if you are interested.

XVII – UIL Solo and Ensemble

UIL Solo and Ensemble contest allows students to learn a classical solo piece to perform in front of a judge for a rating and UIL medal. Students who receive a superior rating on a class 1 Solo, advance to the state competition held in Austin after school.

XVI – Remind 101

GRHS Choir uses the text messaging system called remind 101 to keep students and parents up to date on events, and other information related to Choir. This system will only be used for this purpose. Sometimes, urgent information is necessary, and this will be the best way to reach students and parents.

Students will only be able to reply to the director, and not communicate with the other people in this group. Students and parents are encouraged to join.

Visit the website at www.remind.com/terms-of-service

Download the App. or go to www.remind.com

To join by text:

Text to the number: 81010

Enter this in the message field: @grhschoi

Emergency Shutdown:

Students will be contacted via remind. Student will need to check the Choir Canvas page for updates and procedures for class and instruction time etc.

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Glen Rose HS Choir Dates 2023-2024

Parent Meeting (RPS/Auction Fundraiser) 6:30 pm HS Choir Room	August 29th
Last Look camp for All Region Choir Auditionees Texas Wesleyan University all day	September 9th
Region Round 1 Auditions (Alvarado HS) all day	September 23rd
*Sing for Schoolboard at Admin. Building 5:30 pm call time 6:00 pm sing (parents invited)	September 25th
*Homecoming Sing National Anthem for Football Game	October 6th
*Red pancake Supper	October 13th
*Fall Concert HS Auditorium at 6:30 pm	October 17th
Round 2 Pre-Area Choir Auditions	November 10th
All-region Clinic and Concert Glen Rose HS all day concert 5:00 pm	November 11th
*Optimist Club Sing	December
*Christmas Concert 6:30 pm concert	December 18th
*Youth Fair Sing Somervell County Expo	January 12th
UIL Solo and Ensemble	February 17th
*Pre-UIL Concert	March 19th
*UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest	March 27th or 28th
* Spring Concert	May 20th
Spring Trip	TBA
Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest	May 25th or 27th
* designates mandatory/graded event	

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Syllabus Commitment Form Due Aug. 26th

I have read over the handbook and understand its contents. I have discussed this handbook with my parents/guardian.

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

☐ I have read and reviewed the terms of use policy for remind 101, and agree to all terms as outlined. My child has permission to join remind 101 for GRHS Choir alert messages.

Visit: www.remind.com/terms-of-service

Text to the number: 81010

Enter this message in the subject: @grhschoi

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Parent Volunteer Form

We are in need of many parent volunteers throughout the year. Both male and female volunteers are encouraged. Any of the dates listed above, we need helpers.

If you would like to be a volunteer for GRHS Choir, please visit the HS front office and fill out a back ground check form. Also, complete the following information and send back with the commitment form. I cannot do my job without parent volunteers. Thank you so much for helping our Choir kids have a successful, and enjoyable experience this year!

- ☐ I am available to help any time day, or night, weekday or weekend.
- ☐ I am only available to work evenings and weekends.
- ☐ I am only available to work on weekends.

Parent Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____