

EATON CHOIR 2025-26
HANDBOOK



vocal music

Welcome to the Eaton Choir Family! We recognize that you have many choices when it comes to participation in electives at Eaton High School, and we are happy that you have chosen to join our community of musicians.

This handbook is designed to inform the students and parents of the choir program about the goals and expectations of our department. Please review this document carefully and communicate any questions to the directors.

Thank you,
Joel Roberts and Trevlyn Nipper, Directors
Eaton HS Choral Program

GENERAL INFORMATION

General information, practice materials, and the calendar of events can be found on the student Canvas page. Additional items may also be found on the choir website: <https://sites.google.com/nisdtx.org/eatonchoir/home>

EXPECTATIONS

- Students will actively participate in daily rehearsals and all classroom activities.
- Students will be on time and be prepared with music, pencil, and other necessary materials.
- Students will adhere to the Eaton HS Code of Conduct and demonstrate Respect and Responsibility.

GRADES

I. Summative Grades	60%
Concerts	
Quartet tests (Song tests)	
II. Formative Grades	40%
Musicianship	
Rehearsal skills	
Sight singing tests	
Other skills as assessed in class: pitch/rhythm accuracy, intonation, phrasing, diction	

[Click here to read a full list of TEKS based skills for High School Performing Arts.](#)

ATTENDANCE

- A grade will be given for each **performance**. An absence from a performance will result in a “zero” performance grade for the nine weeks in which the absence occurred. Leaving during a concert, for any reason, will result in a “75” as your performance grade. Being late to the call will result in “10” points off your performance grade.
- Many of you will have **part-time employment**. You will always be given ample prior notice of rehearsals and concerts, and you will be expected to make arrangements with your employer to attend these rehearsals and performances. Also, many of you are involved in other EHS and community activities that will, from time to time, conflict with our rehearsals and performances. You are expected to do all in your power to make arrangements to attend these required events. If you need to make arrangements with another EHS sponsor, let your director know.
- If you have extenuating circumstances and cannot attend a rehearsal or performance, you must personally submit your reason for needing to miss to the director by email 2 weeks prior to the rehearsal or performance. If you are absent from school the day of an after-school rehearsal or performance, you must contact the director prior to our performance for the absence to be excused.

Attendance at department concerts is mandatory for all students and is not excused for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Absences may be excused only at Director’s discretion.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If you need to speak with Mr. Roberts about special circumstances regarding yourself or your children (i.e. can’t pay fees all at once, missing rehearsals/performances, questions regarding policies or activities, etc.) please contact the director at joel.roberts@nisdtx.org.

CONTACTING THE DIRECTORS

EHS Choir Office: 817-698-7392

Mr. Roberts’ Email: joel.roberts@nisdtx.org

Mrs. Nipper’s Email: trevlyn.nipper@nisdtx.org

CHOIR PLACEMENT

Choir placement for the following year is based on students' participation and effort throughout the year. Additionally, the directors will have each student do a sight reading evaluation at the end of the year. Directors consider students' participation, effort, attitude, and sight reading level when evaluating for choir placement for the next year.

UNIFORMS

Women: Black choir dress issued by EHS, black dress shoes (closed toe).

Men: Black tuxedo jacket, pants, and tie issued by EHS Choir. BLACK dress shoes, BLACK button up shirt and BLACK dress socks will be your responsibility to provide.

Loss or damage of any part of your uniform, owned by the school, will result in fines for repair or replacement.

The uniforms will be worn at all concerts and competitions. Uniforms will be returned to school following UIL or your choir's final performance. If a student is out of uniform at a performance, he/she will not be allowed to sing and a performance grade of "zero" will be assigned. If a student needs another size uniform, it is their responsibility to notify the directors at least two weeks in advance of a performance. We will not address uniform issues the day of the concert. Those students not returning uniforms at the end of the year will be placed on the Delinquent List until they are returned; graduating seniors will be blocked from graduation. Girls will need their dresses cleaned at least once during the school year and any dress with strong, discernable, body odor will be considered damaged and a fine will be assessed.

IF DRESSES/PANTS NEED TO BE HEMMED.

DO NOT LET SEAMSTRESSES/ TAILORS CUT ANY MATERIAL FROM UNIFORM!

MUSIC ENRICHMENT LESSONS

Music Enrichment Lessons are offered to all interested choir students. A payment of \$25.00 per lesson should be paid to the voice teacher on a monthly basis. (Four lessons a month @ 25.00 per = 100.00) Voice lessons are an integral part of our choral program and are highly recommended for any student who wants to excel. Every student can benefit greatly from this one-on-one instruction.

FACILITIES

The choir room at Eaton is full of expensive equipment that does not belong to you. Take pride in this and help keep it looking new. The room will not be used as a locker. Any items left in the room will be turned into the lost and found weekly.

Do NOT leave food, drink, or food related trash in the choir room or choir room trash cans. Dispose of food related trash in the Union. The office and computers are off limits to students unless given permission.

If you need to speak with a director when they are in the office, please use courtesy, knock, and wait for an invitation to enter.

FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR, WHILE THE EATON PAC IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ALL CONCERTS WILL BE PERFORMED AT NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

CHOIR FEES

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| 1. | Uniform and Activity Fee | \$50.00
<i>(payable via SchoolCash online)</i> | <u>REQUIRED All Choirs</u> |
| 2. | Music Enrichment Lessons | \$25.00 per lesson
<i>(pay directly to Instructor)</i> | Open to all, Recommended |
| 3. | Solo & Ensemble Contest | \$35.00 | Open to All, not required |

Payment of fees or a payment plan form due on or before September 19th

Eaton Choir Calendar 25-26

Dates and times subject to change, events may be added - directors to provide two weeks notice

Who	What	Where	When
All-State/Region Audition	<u>Round 1</u>	Marcus HS	Sat Sept. 20th
Eaton Choir	Fall Concert	Northwest HS PAC	Tue Oct. 14th 7:00 pm
All-State/Region Audition	<u>Round 2</u>	Flower Mound HS- SA Flower Mound HS- TB	Mon Oct. 20th - SA Wed Oct. 22nd- TB
All-State Singers	Region Clinic/Concert	Denton HS	Mon Oct. 27th
All-State Audition	<u>Round 3</u> - Pre-Area	Northwest HS	Tue Nov. 18th Registration 5:00pm
Eaton Choir	Winter Concert	Northwest HS PAC	Tue Dec. 16th 7:00 pm
All-State Singers	Area Auditions	J.J. Pearce High School	Sat Jan. 10th
9th/10th grade	9/10 Honor Choir Auditions	Denton Ryan HS	Feb. 2 5:00 pm
All-State Singers, Directors	TMEA Convention/ All-State Choir	San Antonio, Texas	Feb. 11-14
9th/10th grade (selected)	9/10 Honor Choir Concert	Denton Ryan HS	Feb. 23rd, 6:30 pm
Contest Participants	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Eaton HS	Sat Mar. 7 - Times TBA
Eaton Choir	Pre- UIL Concert	Northwest HS PAC	Tue Mar. 3rd 7:00 pm
Eaton Choir	UIL Concert & Sightreading	Denton Ryan HS	Mar. 31-Apr. 2 TBA
Eaton Choir	Spring Concert	Northwest HS PAC	Wed May 13th 7:00 pm
Eaton Choir	Choir Banquet	NISD OLC	Tue May 19th 6:00 pm