

Voice Lessons with Mrs. Hassell

Dear Hays High School Choir Students and Parents,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to provide private voice lessons for students in the Hays High School Choir program. Voice lessons were an integral and exciting part of my journey as a choir student in middle and high schools. I strive to encourage my students to develop their voices and talents, gain confidence and reach their musical goals.

Let me share a little bit about myself with you. I began taking piano lessons in 4th grade, joined the school band in 6th grade, and began school choir and voice in 8th grade. I graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Music. I have taught as a choir director and voice teacher since graduating. My husband and I live in Kyle, with our two children.

In voice lessons, students will receive instruction in proper singing techniques to maintain optimum vocal health and growth, support what they are taught in choir, and prepare them adequately for contests, auditions and other goals they set. We will work on breathing, posture, diction, expanding range, sight-reading, and vocal tone. Voice lessons will also be used to prepare for All-State contest, Solo & Ensemble, college auditions, musical theater auditions, and solos for choir.

Important Information to Keep:

- o Voice lessons will be 30 minutes each week during a student's choir class. Students will typically receive 4 lessons a month (exceptions would be November, December and March due to the student holidays on the district calendar).
- o Voice lessons are \$22/half hour; payment for full month is due on the 1st of each month; you will only be charged for lessons scheduled (for example, in December you will likely only have two lessons scheduled, so you will only be billed \$44)
- o Absences: If I must be absent, you will be notified and I will work to make-up the lesson on a different day; If student is absent, please notify me that morning by 9:00 a.m. at the latest, so I can fit another student into that lesson time and be able to make up your student's lesson time once they return; If I am not notified the lesson will not be made up (extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration)
- o If lessons are not able to be made up and I was notified properly, you will be credited on the next month's bill
- o To enroll, fill out and sign the contract on the next page; you will be notified once I receive your contract and given more specific payment instructions based on the payment option you selected
- o It is a first-come, first-served basis; if the schedule fills up I will make a waiting list

I look forward to working with your students and supporting the great Hays High School Choir program. Please contact me with any questions you may have about voice lessons.

Thank you,
Shannon Hassell

Contact Information:

Email: james_and_shannon@hotmail.com (be sure to include the 2 underscores _)
Phone: 817-938-9860

Mrs. Hassell's Voice Lesson Contract

Please print clearly and return this page only (keep first page for your records).

Student Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Can this number receive text messages? _____

Choir Class and Period _____

Payment Preference:

Cash _____ Zelle _____ Venmo _____

If you pay in cash, I will provide a receipt and give it to the student for you.

If you select Zelle or Venmo you must be registered with those services. I will send you the necessary information to send me your payments once I receive this completed contract.

Student Responsibilities:

I promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a voice student to the best of my ability. I promise to be on time and prepared for each lesson by bringing my music and pencil. I promise to practice throughout the week to build upon what I learned in the previous lesson. I promise to notify Mrs. Hassell by 9:00 a.m. on my lesson day if I cannot attend my lesson.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

I give permission for my child to take voice lessons from Mrs. Hassell. I promise to make my payments by the 1st of each month in the form selected above. I promise to encourage my child to take their voice student responsibilities seriously. I promise to notify Mrs. Hassell by 9:00 a.m. on lesson day if my child will be absent.

Parent Signature: _____