

2025-2026
Lynn Lucas Middle School

Choral Department
Handbook

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All Choir Forms & Fees due by Monday, Oct 20th, 2025

[Enlace en español al Manual del Coro](#)

Meet the Director

Bonnie Hernandez, Director

Mrs. Hernandez has been teaching for 26 years, and this is her 2nd year at Lynn Lucas. Last year LLMS Choirs received superior and excellent ratings at UIL contest. JV Treble choir earned a Sweepstakes. We also had multiple superior and excellent ratings at Solo and Ensemble contest.

Before teaching at LLMS, Mrs. Hernandez taught at Schindewolf in Klein, and taught in Magnolia for a total of 15 years. When teaching at Schindewolf her Advanced Treble Choir and Tenor-Bass Choir earned UIL Sweepstakes. Intermediate girls earned a superior rating in sight-reading and excellent on stage. Beginning Choir earned a superior rating at the Klein 6th grade choral festival. While in Magnolia Mrs. Hernandez worked as co-director for Bear Branch Junior High for 2 years and Head Director for 1 year and helped lead BBJH to earn multiple UIL Sweepstakes. Mrs. Hernandez also worked as co-director at Magnolia High School for 9 years. During this time she helped Magnolia High School build the program to a local, state, and nationally recognized chorale program. While teaching at MHS she enjoyed the opportunity to conduct on stage at Carnegie Hall in New York, The National Cathedral in Washington DC, and assisted with the choir when selected for Southwest ACDA Conference in 2018. A few years ago, Mrs. Hernandez decided to make a change to teach on campus with her own children and also taught elementary music for 4 years. During her time at the elementary level, she had choirs of eighty students and her choirs earned superior ratings at choir competitions. Going back to the beginning of her career, she started teaching in 2000 at Holub Middle School in Alief ISD. In those 5 years she maintained the strongest performing middle school choral program in the Alief District, earning multiple UIL Sweepstakes and superior rates at Texas UIL Contest. Mrs. Hernandez is University of Minnesota Duluth Alumni.



Mrs. Hernandez lives in Magnolia with her husband Rigo (who is the IT Director for Montgomery County Library), Garrett (13 years old, plays football, basketball, Trombone, and sings in choir), and Rosalin (10 years old, gymnast, in basketball, and also loves to sing). When they have free time their family loves to hike, make music, swim, bike, watch movies, and try out new recipes in the kitchen.

Schedule:

---Before School Practice Available: 7:30-8:10 AM daily

1st Period: JV Treble Choir 8:15-9:04 AM

2nd Period: Tenor Bass Choir 9:09-9:55 AM

3rd Period: Varsity Treble Choir 10:10-10:46 AM

4th Period: Prep Period 10:51-11:37 AM

5th Period: 6th Grade Choir 11:42-1:17 PM

6th Period: Focus 1:22-2:08 PM

7th Period: Treble Choir 2:13-2:59 PM

8th Period: 6th Grade Choir 3:04-3:50

---After School Tutorials Available Every Day from 3:55-4:40

Choir Fees:

\$25 (But may have other fees for special trips and activities.)

****ALL money will be collected ONLINE through the schoolpay.com online website.** Link Coming Soon

Classroom Rules and Expectations

Choir is different from regular academic classes at LLMS. In order to be successful, you must work as a team every day. There are certain expectations for your behavior while you are in choir.

- Follow directions the first time.
- Keep hands, feet, and all objects to yourself at all times.
This includes the passing period before the tardy bell.
- Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed unless permission is granted from the director.
- You need permission to use leave the room, talk during class, and to touch the piano, white board, sound equipment or computer.
- Students are expected to be in their assigned places with ***only*** your choir binder, music, and pencil when the bell rings. (Unless otherwise stated by director)

Consequences

- 3 Verbal Warnings
- After 3rd warning Student will do an alternative assignment to reset behavior
- Parent Contact
- Office Referral
- Possible removal from special reward activities and trips.

Any serious offense, such as defiance or fighting will result in an immediate office referral.

Performance Attire

Informal Uniform (All choirs and 6th Grade)

- 2024-25 LLMS choir shirt
 - All choir students will purchase a new LLMS choir shirt this year
 - Blue jeans – no holes, no rips, medium to dark blue wash
 - Comfortable closed toed shoes – ***no sandals, no crocs, no slides***

- Pop Show shirt – will be required for the Pop Show performance in May

Formal Uniform (7th & 8th Grade Choirs Only)

- Treble Girls and Chamber Girls
Black dress – provided by LLMS
Black shoes – NOT provided by LLMS. Must be close-toe flats.
- Tenor/Bass
Tuxedo shirt – Provided by Student
Black pants – Provided by Student
Tie – Provided by LLMS
Black shoes and BLACK socks – NOT provided by LLMS
Black Vest Provided by LLMS

Uniform Alterations – Formal uniforms will be fitted for size and length during class. Your choir fee will cover the cost of altering the length of the dress or pants as needed. You will **not** be responsible for altering your uniform.

Uniform Cleaning – All formal uniforms provided by LLMS will be cleaned once a year. Your choir fee will cover the cost of this cleaning. Should you have a need to clean your uniform more times throughout the year, please contact me. You will be responsible for the cost of extra cleaning.

Physical presentation at concert: We always want to dress for success and look our best. Students will be expected to wear their hair neatly at concerts. Girls please style your hair so it is out of your face, at least half back or pinned out of your eyes. (Lights on stage create a shadow, and hair over your face and eyes increases that shadow on your face.) Boys comb your hair neatly.

Only students who have paid their choir fees will be allowed to check out their choir uniform. Uniforms are to be kept on their hanger when not being worn. If a uniform is returned damaged at the end of the year, **the student will be responsible for paying to repair or replace it.**

Attendance Procedure for Rehearsals and Performances

PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AT ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES !

These events are co-curricular activities, therefore making them **Mandatory** and allowing them to be **major grades** for the students.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - In the event of an unavoidable absence from a performance or rehearsal, Mrs. Hernandez must receive a parental contact via email no less than **2 weeks prior to the event**. If a student is excused for being absent and has properly informed Mrs. Hernandez, the student will be given a makeup assignment to complete

to receive full credit for the major grade. You will not be penalized if you are absent due to severe personal illness or a catastrophic family emergency.

It is **your** responsibility to schedule a planned doctor, dentist, and other such appointments around your choir commitment schedule.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

1) If Mrs. Hernandez is not properly informed of a student's absence in a timely manner (two weeks prior to the event), there will be a make-up assignment to complete. The highest grade a student will be able to receive is a 70 on the make-up assignment.

2) If Mrs. Hernandez is not informed of a student's absence at all, the student will receive a make-up assessment to complete; however the highest grade a student will receive is a 50 on the make-up assignment.

*****Whether a student has an excused or unexcused absence from a mandatory rehearsal or concert, the student must complete a make-up assignment.*****

Late Pick-Up Policy

Each choir member will be given a 15-minute grace period following the end of a concert, social activity, or any other choir event. If a student is picked up later than the 15-minute grace period on more than one occasion, the director reserves the right to remove the student from any other choir activities that occur outside of school hours. It is extremely important for the safety of all involved that your student is picked up in a consistent and timely manner.

Grading Procedure

Each Choir member will receive a grade in choir each nine-weeks. Grades will be based on the following criteria:

Major Grades: ***Participation in Concerts** and written evaluations, sight-reading tests, and song checks

Weekly Participation Grades/Minor Grades: Students are expected to participate to their best ability at all times. Sight-reading checks, song checks, rehearsal attendance, written assignments, posture, supplies/folder checks, in-class assignments. All students start out the week with 100%. If students choose to do something other than their best, that will be deducted from their weekly grade.

Concert performances are required. They fulfill the performance requirement for the TEKS. Therefore, those performances are graded assignments. Please see our policy regarding concert attendance below.

Student Opportunities

Solo & Ensemble: - Solo & Ensemble Festival provides an opportunity for students to receive individual attention on their singing performance. The judge gives them a rating based on musicality, interpretation, knowledge of the song, memorization, vocal technique, etc. Outside practice is necessary for better individual preparation. If a student is not eligible for the Oct. 24th contest, they will still be expected to perform their solo for the teacher for a performance grade.

Participating students MUST be academically eligible. An extra optional fee of \$25 for their accompanist applies, more information to come.

Region Choir: Students in Chamber Choir are required to audition for region choir. All 7th & 8th grade students are encouraged to audition for the Region Choir. This prestigious choir involves an audition in January, and the clinic & concert in February 2023 (See schedule link at the bottom of the page). There will be scheduled before and after school rehearsals. Outside practice is necessary for better preparation.

Participating students MUST be academically eligible. Extra fees apply. More information to come.

UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest:

In the springtime, the Chamber, Treble Choir & Tenor-Bass Choirs will participate in this contest. This is a **MANDATORY** event for those students who are academically eligible. ***Participating students MUST be academically eligible.***

Social Events:

Throughout the year, we will have various social activities that we invite any and all choir members to participate in. Students do not need to be eligible to participate in these outside activities.

**Click here for the
[LLMS Choir Google Calendar 2025-26](#)**

Now that you have read through this handbook, please click on the link below to fill out your student consent form to participate in choir.

[LLMS Lynx Choir Handbook Registration/ Consent Form](#)

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/LLMS-Choir-Fees-2526/SdwW7jS>

