

FOREST MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

choirs

Course Description

Welcome to choir! The 2025-2026 school year is going to be a fun, dynamic, and exciting time for the Forest Meadow choirs. The FMMS choirs have a long-standing tradition of excellence which will no doubt continue this year. Our choir program has an outstanding reputation not only for the superior quality of music performance, but also for its students' attitudes and behavior.

Course Learning

The TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) outline and guide instruction. TEKS for 6-8 choir include:

- Music literacy - describe and analyze music and musical sound; reads and write music notation using an established system for rhythm and melody
- Creative expression - demonstrate musical artistry by singing alone or in group performing a variety of music
- Historical and cultural relevance - relate music to history, culture, and the world
- Critical evaluation and response - listen to, respond to, and evaluate music and musical performance

Course Fees

- Department Fee (required) \$60 (7th/8th grade); \$20 (6th grade) - To cover the cost of required materials provided by the choral department including music folder, pencils, music, bus costs, department shirt, and uniform rental (7th/8th). ***Fundraising and additional considerations available.***
- Additional Activity Fees (based on participation in events) - Activities including Solo & Ensemble, All-Region, spring festival field trip, etc. Costs vary based on activity.

Department fees may be paid in installments and offset by fundraising opportunities. Financial assistance may be available for students who need help meeting required fees and other expenses.

Calendar

Please see the included calendar of events. Any date changes or additional required rehearsals outside of the school day will be communicated in advance.

Grading

A choir member's nine week grade will be an average of (as established by RISD):

- Performance (25%), Participation (25%), Skill Development (25%), and Fundamentals (25%)
- There will be a minimum of 3 major combined grades & a minimum of 14 minor grades between the categories

Grades are updated consistently and can be viewed via FOCUS.

Director Availability

- Conference - 8th Period (2:04-3:40)
- Tutoring - Available upon request

Community

The FMMS Choir Department is committed to being a welcoming, diverse, and encouraging community. Bullying, hazing, or similar behaviors will not be tolerated. I hope to encourage students to learn with integrity as we work to not only be better musicians, but also better people.

I am looking forward to working with you to make this one of the best years ever! For more detailed information, please contact me. You may also check our Google site, bit.ly/fmmschoir, for up to date information.

Respectfully,



Carisa Velez, Director

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