

Bellflower High School

Choral Music
Department
Handbook

Choir

2024-2025

Director: Mr. Jae Shu

Accompanist: Mrs. Coddington

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the BHS Choir!

Congratulations on your decision to join one of the fine BHS choirs. I hope you develop a love for music that will last a lifetime! Singing in a choir allows you to improve your musicianship and offers a chance for social and personal development based on teamwork and professionalism. It is up to each individual to bring his or her personal best to continue the tradition of choral excellence at Bellflower HS.

Highlights of the year include festivals and performances on campus. In addition, Choir fulfills the UC "G" requirement. Our goal in the BHS choral department is to provide students with a comprehensive choral education so that they become expressive musicians and creative thinkers.

The BHS Choral Department thanks you in advance for your involvement and dedication. Each and every choir member is vitally important. Through hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm the students, parents, and teachers can continue to create a choral program based on excellence!

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to meeting you and hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jae Shu

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Choir

The students in this group learn to read music, sing harmony and develop their solo voices. Over the course of the year, they will sing music of many different styles and from a variety of cultures. They will participate in at least one festival in addition to the scheduled concerts.

Objectives

Students enrolled in **Choir** will:

- learn to sing a variety of styles using proper vocal technique (Standards 1-3)
- study intermediate music theory (Standard 1.0)
- sing choral literature from different times and cultures (Standard 2, 3 and 4)
- learn and demonstrate proper audience and performer etiquette (Standard 5)

Grades are based on:

- Demonstration of skills in daily group activities - 30%
- Concert Participation - 40%
- Projects - 20%
- Vocal and Written Tests -10%

Concert Participation (Standard 2.0)

Students are required to participate in all scheduled performances and rehearsals. **These performances and rehearsals are MANDATORY.** Each and every student is important in creating a successful program and performance. The performances are a culmination of all of the work the students have been focusing on and will be treated like a final exam. Students will be graded on attendance and concert etiquette. Students who are on time and participate will earn an “A” for the concert. Students who are late will receive a “B”. Students who do not attend will earn an “F” for the concert portion of their grade.

The only excused absence is illness or grave family emergency. In these cases it is necessary to speak to the director before the concert and provide a written note signed by a parent. If your student must miss a performance for any other reason, please submit a note 2 weeks prior to the concert for approval.

Tentative Performance Calendar

*** There maybe more performances added on, or some may cancel***

Fall 2024

October 9	Fall Preview Dress Rehearsal	3:45 pm	Theater
October 10	Fall Preview Concert	7:00 pm	Theater
	Call time	6:00 pm	
December 12	Winter Festival Concert	7:00 pm	Theater
December 20	Elementary Ensemble Visit	9:00 am	Theater

Spring 2023

March 6	Spring Jazz Concert	7:00	Theater
March 7	Knott's Berry Farm	All day	Knott's
TBA	Bellflower District Festival		TBA
TBA	SCVA Choral Festival		Civic Auditorium
May 15	Final Concert/Awards	7:00 pm	Theater
	Call time	6:00 pm	

Bellflower High School Choral Concert Code of Conduct

Students should at all times demonstrate personal responsibility and respect for others. Students should also strive to work cooperatively with each other and with the director to make the concert a success.

On Stage

1. No talking or use a cell phone
2. No waving to friends or family in audience
3. Performers focus on director at all times
4. No pushing/touching other performers
5. Performers have clothes and hair ready before going on stage
6. No food, gum or drink
7. Songs should be performed as rehearsed

Off-stage

1. All students must remain in assigned seats/areas at all times!
2. Students must be quiet while other groups are performing.
3. No food, gum or drink.
4. All school rules must be followed.
5. All students must remain for the entire concert
6. Only performers may be seated with the choirs.
7. Personal needs should be taken care of before the concert

Classroom Management Plan

Students will be expected to:

1. Follow all directions
2. Bring materials to class (sharpened pencils, music)
3. Come to class on time and be in their seat before the tardy bell rings
4. Be respectful of each person and respect the classroom and equipment
5. Participate willingly in every activity

Students who choose to adhere to the above will earn:

1. Positive recognition
2. Positive home contact
3. Outstanding mark in citizenship

Students who choose not to adhere to the above will earn:

1. Warning by teacher
2. Conference with teacher
3. Teacher detention and parent contact
4. Referral to Administrator
5. Lowered citizenship mark

Students who earn a “Needs Improvement” or “Unsatisfactory” citizenship mark and/or earn a grade of a “D” or “F” may risk performance opportunities. Performing is a privilege and a student may not be allowed to participate if behavior is continuously inappropriate, or grades are not average or above.

In addition to the above, the following Severe Clause is enforced:

1. Any student who willingly participates in an activity that could injure him/herself or others will be immediately referred to the administration and parents will be contacted.
2. Any student who commits a suspension / expulsion action as outlined in the BHS Student Handbook will be immediately referred to the administration and parents will be contacted.
3. There is a zero tolerance policy for bullying in any form. Please see Ms. Kelley privately if you feel as though you are a victim or witness of bullying.

Uniform and Fundraising

Women –Black dresses- provided by the choral department

Black “Character Shoes” or closed-toed dress shoes

Men – Black dress pants and belt, black shoes, black shirts, ties - provided by the choral department

Bellflower is a public institution that promises inclusion of all students. At no time will a student be dismissed from a curricular, co-curricular or extra curricular program attached to the school, dismissed from instruction, and/or receive a lower grade due to a financial hardship.

Choir shirt - contribution/donation requested is \$15.00

All contributions/donations are to be turned into the ASB office. The Choir Shirt will become his/her own property. **Students will have the opportunity to raise money for the uniform through fundraising.**

SCHEDULED FUNDRAISERS

September: AGT Taping

December: See’s Candy Sale

Our fundraising is voluntary - No student is required to take part in

fundraising!

Parent Acknowledgement Form

After reading the Student Handbook, please fill out the following form. This is the students’ FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF THE YEAR!

<https://forms.gle/ttrPuD9sk6ThSqqg7>