

Buckeye Junior High School  
Vocal Music Department  
Handbook



2026-2027

1st Period Choir

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## **Grading Procedures/Materials**

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A 3 RING BINDER, A PENCIL, A HIGHLIGHTER, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, AND THEIR CHROMEBOOK EVERY DAY FOR CHOIR!**

Each course in the music department is worth one credit. The grade you receive for the class is based on your effort and commitment to improvement.

**\*\*Please pay close attention to the schedule provided to you as well as to the bulletin boards in the music room. Any changes or additions to the schedule will be posted in the room as well as on the website. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING WHEN CONCERTS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE SCHEDULED!**

**\*\*Performances are MANDATORY!! CONCERTS MAY BE WORTH UP TO 40% OF YOUR GRADE EACH QUARTER!** If you miss a performance you will receive an 'F' for that concert. If there is a legitimate reason for missing, and the instructor was notified IN ADVANCE (with the exception of emergencies or illness), an assignment will be given. However, a grade no higher than a 'B' may be earned on the assignment. There is no substitute for the performance experience! Team practices, dentist appointments, and other similar events are NOT acceptable reasons for missing a concert.

**Your grade will be made up of four (4) main areas-**

**PERFORMANCES, SINGING TESTS, WRITTEN WORK/TESTS & CLASS PARTICIPATION.**

**Concert Performances** - Your performance grade is based on your participation in the performance AND your concert attire! Please make sure you have appropriate pants, shirt and shoes for each concert.

**Singing Tests** - Grades will be based on your knowledge of the song including words, dynamics, and pitch. Singing tests are usually given in groups.

**Written work/tests-** Each student will be given worksheets and tests throughout the year. They will be responsible for keeping paper assessments in a 3 ring binder or electronic assessments through Google Classroom. These will be graded and counted as part of your quarterly grade. **Google Classroom** and **Google Forms** will also be used for assignments.

**Class Participation** - This grade is based on promptness and attendance, having appropriate materials in class, classroom participation/behavior, AND your attitude. Your attitude is important to me and to the people sitting around you. Please make this a place we all want to be!

**Remember, your grade is determined by YOU!**

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| <b>B</b>                                   | <b>BELIEVE • EMPOWER • ACHIEVE</b>                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                                            | Bucks <b>BELIEVE</b><br>we can be safe                                                                                                           | Bucks are <b>EMPOWERED</b><br>to respect self and others                                                                                                                | Bucks can <b>ACHIEVE</b><br>being responsible                                                                                                                                              |
| Junior High<br>Vocal<br>Music<br>Classroom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen actively</li><li>• Collaborate with peers</li><li>• Follow Classroom and Handbook Rules</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Respect staff and others</li><li>• Persevere through challenges</li><li>• Own your choices</li><li>• Encourage others</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain a growth mindset</li><li>• Respect others' choices</li><li>• Participate in your education</li><li>• Be prepared with materials</li></ul> |

**Per the Junior High Handbook:** Disciplinary action will generally be progressive in nature. If an infraction or similar infraction reoccurs, a more severe penalty will be imposed. The administration may repeat, add and/or omit steps in the process as it relates to specific circumstances. The decision will be based upon what is best for the student(s) on a case by case basis. Discipline is separate from attendance detentions.



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## **Concert Attire**

**Pants** - black

**Shirts**- black shirt (Buckeye Vocal Music performance shirt- will be sold in September)

**Shoes**- dark colored- black preferred

Please make sure all concert attire is school appropriate!

**Information regarding upcoming events and activities in the music department can be found in the following places...**

### **Choral Web Page**

There is a link on the main page of the Buckeye website on the far right along the top under the “Fine Arts” tab. The choral department page will have updated information on concerts, upcoming events, and many other things! This is one place to look for answers to your questions!

<https://sites.google.com/buckeyeschools.org/buckeyevocalmusic/home?authuser=0>

### **District Google Calendar**

This is located on the homepage of the Buckeye website

[District Google Calendar](#)

This is another option for you to use to locate accurate information.

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## REQUIRED SIGNATURES AND SIGN UPS

### Google Classroom

All students have already been added to the appropriate Google Classrooms!

### REMIND!

Remind is a communication tool for teachers to use to communicate important information to their students and parents. Reminders, date changes, and other important information will be sent through this system. We will not receive your personal email or phone number through the system. Only your name is given to us so that we know who is registered. **When the system asks for your name, please use your real name. For the safety of our students, any name on the list that we do not recognize will be deleted from the contact list and will not be able to receive messages. WARNING: You must register for each class your child is in. For example, if you have already signed up for Band or Musical, you still need to sign up for this class!**

### TO RECEIVE TEXTS

Enter this as the “phone number”

81010

Text this message

@buckjhc

You WILL get a grade for completing the following steps. This is considered your first assignment! **This assignment is due Friday, September 4th 2026.**

1. Read over the handbook and go through steps 2, 3 & 4 with a parent or guardian.
2. Sign up for REMIND ( info above)
3. Complete the Handbook Signature Form (link below)
4. Complete the Photo/Media Consent Form (link below)

### EXTRA CREDIT!

Please bring in Tissues! We are always in desperate need of these in the choir room! You will be given 5 points extra credit for helping us out!

JH Choral Handbook Forms that need to be signed!

[Vocal Music Handbook Signature form](#)

[Vocal Music Photo/Media Consent Form](#)

These forms are also available on the Vocal Music Website

All of the forms below can be found on the Vocal Music Website!

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO VOCAL MUSIC WEBSITE](#)

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## PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

### [2026-2027 MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR](#)

**The link above will take you to the Complete Schedule for the Music Department. Please look this over thoroughly so you are aware of after school performance commitments for the year.**

**The required Junior High events are listed below**

|                          |                                         |             |        |                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 3 (Thurs)            | HARVEST TO HOLIDAY SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL | 2:30 - 5:30 | HS Aud | All Vocal Music Students<br>Grades 6 - 12                                                 |
| Dec 4 & 5<br>( Fri, Sat) | HARVEST TO HOLIDAY SHOWS!               | 7:00 pm     | HS Aud | All Vocal Music Students<br>Grades 6 - 12<br>All JH and HS must attend BOTH performances! |

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|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| April 21st (Wed) | CELEBRATE BUCKEYE DAY! | 5-9pm- specific time for JH Choir<br>TBD | HS Auditorium | Intermediate & JH Choirs |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|

|                 |                    |            |             |                                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| May 14<br>(Fri) | Music in the Parks | 2pm- 11pm  | Sandusky    | All Junior High and High School Vocal Music Students |
| May 15<br>(Sat) | Music in the Parks | 7am - 11pm | Cedar Point | All Junior High and High School Vocal Music Students |

**Please add the required events to your home calendar now to avoid conflicts! Thank you for your support of our students and our department!**



