

Hempfield School District)
Landisville, PA)

Guidelines for the) Elementary Choral Program)

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The Mission of the Hempfield School District Music Department is to provide varied and engaging classroom, rehearsal, lessons, and performance experiences, to impart musical skills, knowledge and emotional expression, to enhance students' wellbeing, and to inspire and nurture the love of music in all students.

Hempfield School District Music Department

Welcome to Sixth Grade Chorus! Since the first grade, students have been involved with many different choral performances within each grade level's music class. We are very pleased that students have elected to participate in chorus during their final year of elementary school.

Singing in Sixth Grade Chorus will be a great musical experience and a lot of fun. Dedicated participation in the chorus will provide students with opportunities to master new musical challenges, to develop more refined musical and vocal skills, and to perform on a higher level.

Chorus will rehearse for one 30-minute period each cycle during the school day. Students will be required to sing in the building's scheduled concerts, found on the school district calendar. Students will also have an exciting opportunity to perform in the annual combined sixth grade choral concert held in Hempfield High School Performing Arts Center in May. The choral director will keep families informed through written notices of specific information regarding dates, times, dress code, etc. well in advance of the performances. Please be sure to discuss this level of commitment as a family to avoid any potential personal conflicts with these concerts.

Through your understanding, patience, cooperation, advocacy, and support, we are confident that you and your student will enjoy an exemplary choral music experience at the elementary level and beyond.

THE HEMPFIELD CHORAL PROGRAM

Hempfield School District's Music Department offers distinctive choral music experiences at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. After Sixth Grade Chorus, Hempfield's middle school choral programs offer age-appropriate levels of performance that bridge the gap between elementary and high school experiences. On the high school level, students continue to develop and refine their individual and ensemble choral musicianship through more sophisticated repertoire and higher performance standards.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Vocal music teachers in each elementary school select Sixth Grade Chorus members. Students who are new to the district in sixth grade may be admitted during the school year at the discretion of the director. Teachers select students for chorus based on a vocal screening and based on the students' interest and willingness to meet the director's rehearsal and performance expectations, with the consent of their parent/guardian.

Students in the Sixth Grade Chorus will develop skills in reading music, singing in parts with proper tone quality and with clear diction, and perhaps most importantly, they will experience the uniquely human art of expression through singing. Students may have the opportunity to accompany the chorus and/or perform as soloists.

Students may advance to their respective middle school chorus based on their desire and their director's recommendation, with the consent of their parent/guardian.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT POLICY CONCERNING ALL CHORAL MUSIC STUDENTS

All students are required to sing with their chorus at all scheduled performances. Students who choose not to participate in required concerts, lacking a credible excuse as determined by the director, will be removed from the chorus.

The director may establish a uniform dress code for students in each performance.

The director will provide parents/guardians with written notification concerning students' rehearsal and performance schedules, uniform requirements, behavioral expectations, and other related policies.

All students must examine, understand, and abide by the guidelines contained in this handbook. Failure to comply with these guidelines and each teacher's classroom rules and rehearsal expectations may result in the student's removal from the chorus and/or administrative disciplinary action.