



TMS Tiger Chorus Handbook 2021/2022

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Welcome to the chorus at Temple Middle School!

I am looking forward to working with you and your family this year and know that we will make beautiful music as we represent TMS.

This handbook contains important information which, when followed, will help our group run smoothly and be the best it can be. Please read each page and return the signature page as soon as possible.

What we will learn in chorus

Students will follow the Georgia Choral Music Standards as they develop a beautiful singing tone, aesthetic understanding, become fluent music readers, and become polished performers. Chorus students will also develop responsible rehearsal habits and learn the value of collaboration with others as they prepare for performances.

Students will be given opportunities for musical self expression through activities in improvisation and composition. They will also develop listening skills through analyzing and critiquing music performances. Students will explore culture and history through their musical experiences as they sing a variety of music from different historical periods and cultures around the world.

The ultimate goal of the choral experience is the development of the individual both musically and personally for the lifelong pursuit and enjoyment of music. Previous experience in group singing is not required for participation in the TMS chorus.

Grading/Concert attendance policy

Formative:60% (includes daily rehearsal participation, daily assignments, quizzes)

Summative: 40% (Includes required performances such as LGPE and concerts)

Anticipated performances for this year (Exact Dates TBA)

All singers will perform in a **Winter and Spring concert** in December and May, as well as at selected community events, school assemblies, classroom concerts, and sporting events in September, October, November, and January.

Participation in Large Group Performance Evaluation (**LGPE**) for ratings is required of all Band and Choral performance groups in Carroll county. This adjudicated choral event is scheduled for late March.

All Temple cluster schools participate in the **Temple cluster annual music festival** in December and early May.

We are planning to attend a choral performance at **Six Flags** in May. This opportunity is open to any chorus member in grades 6-8 who would like to represent TMS as a member of the *Tiger Festival Chorus*. Our festival chorus received superior ratings last year and we are looking forward to another superior performance this year!

Attendance Policy

Being part of the chorus at TMS does require attendance at some performances outside of school hours.

I will always give as much advance notice as possible in order for you to plan for these performances and fit them into your family's busy schedule.

Any singer who must miss a required performance for approved reasons such as illness or unavoidable conflicts, will need to submit a parent note in order to have the absence excused.

Classroom Expectations

- All singers will be expected to arrive in class on time, pick up his or her assigned music folder, and report to an assigned seat for attendance.
- All singers will be required to complete daily warm-up activities as assigned.
- Singers are expected to participate in rehearsal except in the case of illness, which must be reported to the director or section leader upon arrival in class.
- Singers are expected to contribute in a positive way to all rehearsals and performances, with the understanding that other singers in the chorus are depending on them for the continued success of the group.
- Singers are expected to follow all school and classroom rules.
- Singers are expected to treat the director, peers, and classroom visitors with utmost respect and always use good performance and audience behavior. This respect must extend to any off-campus performances, or field trips.

Discipline Plan

The school wide discipline plan will be followed.

Students who are not following classroom and school rules will be given a behavior citation followed by a parent contact. When a student reaches four citations in any class, a discipline referral will be entered for classroom disruption, and the student will serve in-school suspension.

Materials

All singers will be responsible for a numbered music folder. All handouts, daily work, and choral music will be kept in the folders and the folders will be returned to the appropriate marked bin at the end of each rehearsal.

Formal Concert Attire

Required performance attire for **formal** band and chorus concerts will be **all black**. All singers will need to have black dress pants, a black button up dress shirt, and black shoes. Gold cummerbunds will be provided for all formal performances. If you have difficulty finding black dress clothes, I have discovered that thrift stores are a great place to find affordable black pants, shirts, and shoes in assorted sizes.

Spirit Shirts for informal concerts

Informal concert attire will consist of blue jeans (no holes, please) and **chorus spirit shirts**. Please see the ordering information for this year's spirit shirts.

Fundraising

We will have three fundraisers this year. In February, we will take orders and deliver singing valentines and candy bags at lunch on Valentine's Day. In April, We will hold a 50/50 raffle, and in May we will host the schoolwide talent show.

Additional auditioned opportunities for individual singers

6th Grade singers may audition to be chosen to represent TMS at the Sixth Grade State Honor Chorus in February (Classic Center in Athens, Ga) County-wide Honor Chorus in March.

7th and 8th Grade singers may audition to be chosen to represent TMS in the following events:

County Wide Honor Chorus in March.

District VII Honor Chorus in October.

All State Honor Chorus in February (requires two rounds of individual auditions for interested singers.)



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Singer/Parent Acknowledgement Page

I, _____ have read the chorus handbook, and understand the grading policies and expectations as a member of the Temple Middle School Tiger Chorus.

(Singer's signature) _____

Date _____

I, _____ have read the chorus handbook. and understand the grading policies and what will be expected of my child as a member of the Temple Middle School Tiger Chorus.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) _____

Date _____

Chorus Fee Payment/Spirit Shirt Order

_____ I have enclosed **\$12.00** (check, cash, money order) to cover my child's chorus spirit shirt. **Money is due by August 31.**

Chorus Spirit Shirt (check size needed)

Youth M _____ Youth Large _____ Youth XL _____

Adult small _____ Adult Medium _____ Adult Large _____

Adult XL _____ AdultXXL _____

