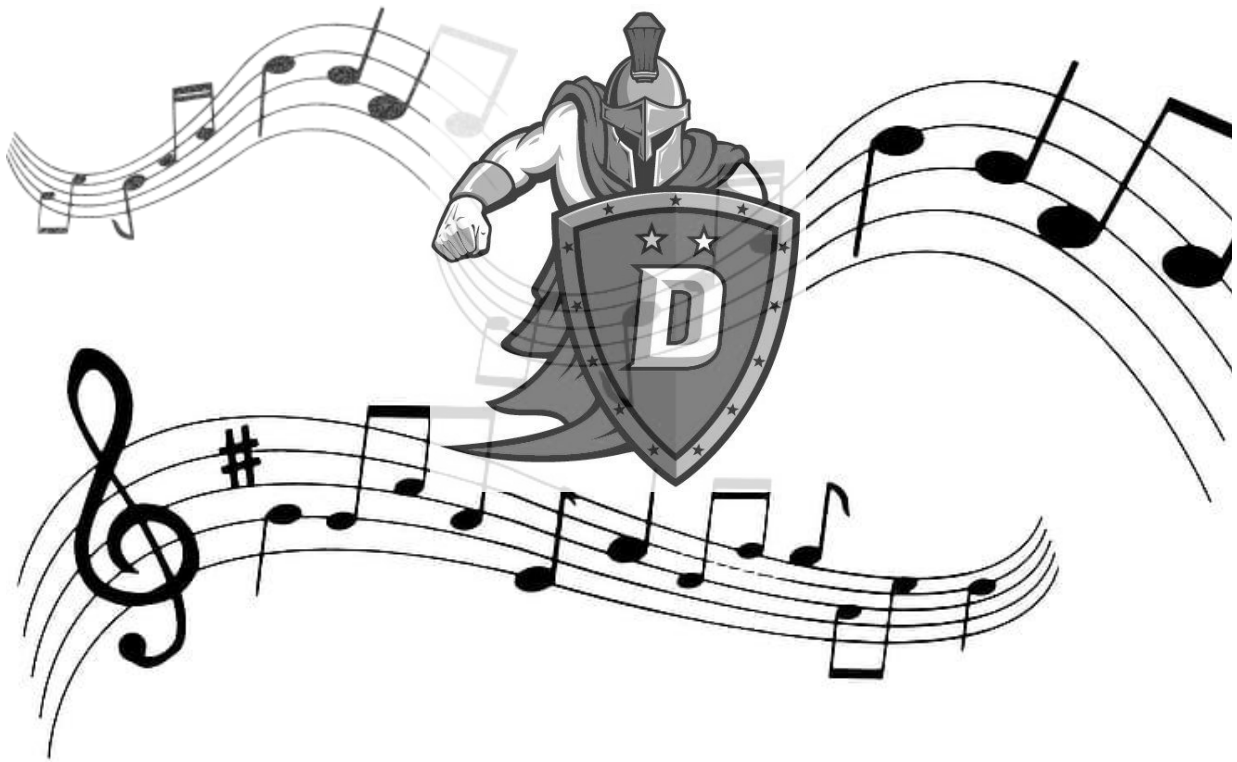


# DMS Choir Handbook

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# Welcome to Choir at DMS!

I am so excited to be your choir teacher! I started singing when I was in middle school, and I've loved choir ever since! I can't wait to share my love of singing with you this year. The information in this handbook will help all choir students to have a great experience this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. It's going to be an awesome year of choir at DMS!

*Mrs. Landrum*

## OUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

1. To learn all we can about music and to become the finest and most knowledgeable musicians possible.
2. To understand and experience the joy of being part of a performing musical ensemble. This includes understanding and embracing the roles of *teamwork and commitment* in choir.
3. To have fun! Music (and especially singing!) is enjoyable! Let's have a fun year!

## CHOIR SUPPLIES

- All choir students will receive a choir folder with a sight singing book and a theory book. Students will also need a pencil every day. These will be your materials to use throughout the year, and they will stay in the DMS choir room.
- Students will check out sheet music and return it after concerts. Sheet music will also be kept in the choir folders. Music should be treated respectfully, with markings made only in pencil.

# PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

For our performances, all students will wear any combination of black and white. Students can decide whether they'd like to wear a dress, skirt, or pants.

Remember that, when you are wearing this outfit, you are performing and representing our choir and our school. You should be comfortable, of course, but also look your best! We want to look as awesome as we sound!

For some performances/field trips, we may wear DMS Choir t-shirts. Once we get more information about our parent support group for the year, we can decide whether we'll need to hold a fundraiser to purchase our t-shirts. More information on DMS Choir t-shirts coming soon!

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Make choices that help you and others learn

Use instruments and materials with care

Speak, sing, and play only when asked

Immediately follow all directions

Consider others, be kind and respectful

*“Everything we do, we do together.”*

Choir is a “team sport.” We must all behave respectfully and responsibly to do our part to make our team successful and fun!

Consequences for not adhering to the chorus room behavior expectations include student conference, parent email/call home, inability to participate in performances and activities, and office referrals, depending upon the severity of the situation.

# GRADES

## Performances and After School Rehearsals

Grade is based upon arriving on time (“call”), dressing appropriately, behaving appropriately while on stage and in the audience, and staying for the entire concert or rehearsal.

If a student cannot attend a concert or rehearsal for an excused reason, a makeup assignment will be available to earn the performance points.

## Rehearsal Grades

Grade is based upon students being a respectful and active participant in our daily choir rehearsals.

Rehearsal grades will be posted monthly.

## Music Theory/Other Assignments

Grade is based mostly on our music theory books that we will be completing together during class.

Grade also includes concert self assessments/reviews, as well as other assignments that we will do together in class throughout the year.

- All assignments/information is located in our Canvas classroom.
- Your current grade is in Infinite Campus.

# CHORAL MUSIC SUPPORTERS

The Day Middle School Choral Music Supporters (DMS CMS) is our parent booster organization. All families of DMS singers are members!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

A choir program is strongest when it has lots of parents helping and supporting the singers!!

If you have any questions or want to find out how you can help this year, please contact me ASAP!

Thank you for your support!!

