



Choir Handbook 2021-2022

HILLIARD BRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Hilliard Bradley High School Choral Department. We are very excited to be starting a brand new school year and a new year of music making together. As your directors, we are dedicated to helping you discover, develop, and nurture your singing abilities throughout your time in choir. Together we have the unique opportunity to enrich the lives of our community through creating inspiring and impactful performances.

Our vision for everyone in the Bradley Choir family is that you will develop the musical skills necessary to be successful, and that regardless of your future endeavors you will carry a lifelong passion for music wherever you go. We are very excited to see how each one of you will grow individually, how we will grow together as ensembles, and how the Bradley Choir program will grow as a whole this year.

As your directors, we are here for you and want to help you succeed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us on Canvas or through email with any questions. Parents, please feel free to contact us at any time if needed, and we will be sure to get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to a great year of music making together!

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MISSION

Bradley Choir is dedicated to discovering, developing, and nurturing students' voices and enriching the community through vocal music.

VISION

A program where all students develop skills for musical excellence and a lifelong passion for music.

MATERIALS

On a daily basis you will need:

- Pencil
- iPad
- Choir Folder with music (provided and stored in the choir room)

NOTE: If lost, the cost to replace the folder is approximately \$12.00 per folder. Replacing music can cost anywhere from \$2-\$5 per copy, depending on the piece of music.

PROCEDURES

On a daily basis you should:

1. Enter the classroom in an orderly manner
2. Set your belongings against the wall under the mirrors
3. Make sure you have a pencil (and water if desired)
4. Check the board for any directions and pick up your choir folder
5. Sit in your assigned place on the risers

If you are arriving late to class:

1. Enter the classroom quietly
2. Give your hall pass to one of our choir teachers
3. Quickly gather materials for class and join in the class activities

EXPECTATIONS

Bradley choir operates by the following pillars: Family, Integrity, and Passion.

The expectation for behavior is to always follow the values statements below:

FAMILY

1. We value people
2. We create an atmosphere we want to be in
3. We celebrate and respect each other

INTEGRITY

1. We always bring our best
2. We lead with honesty and humility
3. We strive for greatness every day

PASSION

1. We sing with energy and emotion
2. We create inspiring performances
3. We spread joy and hope to our audience

CONSEQUENCES

Failure to meet expectations will result in the following actions:

- Step 1: Verbal warning
- Step 2: Last Out (speak with teacher after class)
- Step 3: Detention and parent phone call
- Step 4: Office Referral
- Step 5: Removal from class/ choral program

GRADING POLICIES

Grades in choir will be determined by points earned on all assignments and assessments. Not every class will have identical assignments, so a tentative point breakdown is listed below. Grading categories will be:

- Concerts - 100 points each
- Participation - 3 points per day
- Solfege - 30-50 points per grading period
- Assignments - 20-50 points per grading period

PARTICIPATION

Since choir is a group performance based class, cooperation from an individual is vital to the success of the group. Participation points will be rewarded weekly (3pts per day x 5 days per week = 15 participation points). Students that follow all expectations will receive full participation points. In the event of a lack of participation, excessive talking, or other disruptive behavior, students will not receive full participation points for the day. Point deductions will always be preceded by a verbal warning and noted in the gradebook.

CONCERT ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all concerts is a required and graded component of choir. Students will be graded on attendance, punctuality, attire, and professionalism. Any student who arrives on time, dressed properly, practices concert etiquette, and stays for the duration of the concert will receive full credit.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Only events such as a family emergency or severe personal illness that conflict with a concert may be considered an excused absence. Excused absences must be approved by the directors in advance (if applicable). Check all schedules, communicate, and make proper arrangements well in advance of all rehearsals, performances, and events.

Conflicts with Bradley High School related events will be handled on an individual basis.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Any other reason for missing a concert will be considered unexcused. Absences should be communicated as soon as possible. Unexcused absences will result in the deduction of the concert grade.

MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

If a student misses a concert, they will be given the opportunity to complete a make-up assignment. Students should speak with their director after the concert to receive their assignment. Completed make-up assignments will be due before the end of the nine week grading period that the concert was a part of.

- Excused absences will be eligible to make up 100% of points lost
- Unexcused absences will be eligible to make up 75% of points lost

CONCERT ATTIRE

Required concert attire for each choir is listed below. Concert attire is a part of the concert grade. Any questions regarding concert attire can and should be discussed with the directors BEFORE the day of the concert.

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- Option 1: Black long sleeved dress shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes, and black belt.
 - Wearing a necktie or bowtie is optional. If you choose to wear a tie, it must be black.
- Option 2: Black long sleeved shirt, black skirt (knee length), opaque black tights, black dress shoes
- Option 3: Plain black dress (knee length), opaque black tights, black dress shoes

NOTE: All shoes should be black and closed-toe. Please make sure they are comfortable enough to walk and stand in before the day of the concert.

SYMPHONIC CHOIR

All members of Symphonic Choir will be fitted for a robe during class time. Robes will remain at Bradley before and after all concerts. Choose one of the following options to wear under your robe:

- Option 1: Collared, white dress shirt, Bradley colored tie, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes, and black belt.
 - Ties should be Bradley colors only: Blue, black, white, gray, or silver)
- Option 2: Formal attire of choice with black dress shoes
 - Attire must not be visible under the robe (ex. Floor length dress). Any visible attire (ex. pants or tights) should be black

NOTE: All shoes should be black and closed-toe. Please make sure they are comfortable enough to walk and stand in before the day of the concert.

MONEY

Any time that money needs to be collected, please make checks payable to Hilliard Music Boosters- Bradley Chapter and print the student's name on the memo line.

STAY CONNECTED

bradleychoir.com

The Hilliard Bradley Choir website will serve a resource for all current, future, and past choir members. You can find important information regarding dates and announcements for all choirs.

TWITTER: @BradleyChoir

Follow us on Twitter for updates on what is happening in the classroom! We will communicate important announcements and reminders here as well.

INSTAGRAM: @bradley.choir

Our new instagram account will be used to share pictures and videos of all of the choirs during the year.

FACEBOOK: Bradley Choir

Like us on Facebook! Share this page with your friends, family, and any choir alumni to stay up to date!

CALENDAR

We have attached the calendar for the 21-22 school year to this handbook. The calendar will also be available to view on bradleychoir.com and course Canvas pages.

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2021-2022 Choir Contract

This form should be completed and returned to the directors by

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2021

Parents/ Guardians, please initial the following statement:

_____ We have read and acknowledged all important dates, policies, and expectations listed in the Bradley Choir Handbook. Important concert and performance dates have been noted in all calendars.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Parent/ Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature