**What Show Choir Parents Want to Know!**

*All information regarding these auditions and the CHS Choral Department (Central Singers) is available and regularly updated on our website:* [*www.centralsingers.org*](http://www.centralsingers.org)

**Fees:**

* Show choir fees for both Voltage and VOC this year will be $400.
  + A $100 deposit will be required to audition, if a student earns a spot in an ensemble, this money will be applied to the total fee (making the remaining balance $300). If a student doesn’t earn a spot, the $100 will be refunded in full.
    - This can be paid online in advance, or with cash/money order that day.
  + Fees can be paid on the Keller ISD webstore: [www.intouch.kellerisd.net](http://www.intouch.kellerisd.net)
  + The option to “pay in full” will always be available if you wish to do so online

**Voice Lessons:**

* Students in either show choir are required to take voice lessons once a week. These lessons may be taken at school through one of our highly qualified voice teachers during that student’s choir class. We highly encourage students to take their voice lessons on campus. If your voice teacher is off campus, please discuss this with Mrs. McClure. Voice lessons must continue through the entire school year.
* Lessons through the school are scheduled at the start of the school year at a cost of $20-22 per lesson depending on teacher experience. Scholarships for 1/4 or 1/2 of this cost are available to students whose families can demonstrate financial need.
* Show choir members are required to sing at their studio’s recitals (2-3 per year) and participate in the KISD Solo Festival. (Recital accompanist fees range from $30-$40 per recital depending on the student’s voice teacher).

**Fundraising:**

* Show choir fundraisers include: Premier Night (Late January), Lone Star Show Choir Invitational (February 23-25), and Last Chance Show (May). Parent volunteers are ESSENTIAL to the success of all these activities; however, Lone Star is a huge undertaking and REQUIRES participation by every family in the program!
  + A sign-up genius will always be sent out for parents to volunteer for positions (we will check for family names; thanks in advance!!!)

**Rehearsal and Physical Education Credit:**

* VOC will meet before school on TUESDAY & FRIDAY at 6:20 AM every week, along with 6:30-8:30 PM on two Monday nights a month (calendar will be by the beginning of the year)
  + The evenings give us a chance for higher energy rehearsals with a simulation of the timing for a finals performance time. The specific mornings each week will create a more consistent schedule regardless of “even” or “odd” days in school.
* Voltage will meet during the 4B class period of the regular school day
* Students must attend all rehearsals, unless they have a parent excuse.
* Students who have not fulfilled their PE requirements for graduation will receive that through show choir participation.
* Extra rehearsals are occasionally necessary and are mandatory if two weeks’ notice is given.

**Competitions:**

* Each show choir will compete in 2-4 competitions next year. Further details regarding the specifics of those will be announced as soon as possible.
* VOC will travel out of state to one competition
  + This will be an additional cost for families
    - For reference, our recent trip to Nashville cost $775 which included the competition day and two days of activity in the city
  + We never want finances to prohibit a student’s participation in show choir; however the district does not provide any funds for show choir and travel costs are essential for VOC to continue to be a national recognized entity

**Attendance:**

* If a student will be missing a rehearsal, the parent or student must inform the director as soon as possible. If they know about the necessary absence before the day-of, PLEASE send notice in advance so as to minimize the amounts of texts at 6 am.
* Tardy policy: for the first tardy, a student will receive a warning. Second offense will cause mandatory seat out and watch rehearsal. Third offense will warrant sitting out of a public performance opportunity. Beyond that a discussion with directors will be required to discuss continued participation in the ensemble.
* Two unexcused full absences from rehearsal may result in sitting out a public performance and/or removal from the ensemble.
* Performances are important and are only excused in the case of a family emergency or serious illness. If a student must miss a performance, the director should be notified by email as soon as you are aware of the unavoidable conflict.
* Students who participate in other school activities are expected to notify the show choir directors AND the sponsor of the other activity IN ADVANCE if there is a conflict which must be resolved.
  + We expect that students can and will take care of this kind of communication.
  + Do not just leave it up to your parents or directors

**Eligibility:**

* Central High School applies UIL eligibility rules to all extra-curricular activities including show choir. If your child is academically ineligible at the time of a trip or performance, the student is not allowed to participate. If a student is ineligible at the end of the second 9-week grading period, they may be removed from the ensemble at the end of the first semester. If the removal is eligibility-related, no notice is necessary. The director reserves the right to remove a student after consulting with KISD administration should circumstances warrant.
* Choir students and show choir students in particular are to be held to a high standard of moral character and integrity in all activities (school & personal/social life related). We have a motto that stands for Trust, Respect, and Compassionate Kindness.
* Each show choir member must be concurrently enrolled in another choral ensemble at CHS.

***Should you have further questions, please contact one of the directors:***

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