

Loveland High School Choral Handbook 2021-2022

Dear Choir Members and Parents:

Welcome to a new year of Loveland Vocal Music. I am anticipating a wonderful year that will have its challenges but we are ready for them. It has been a while since most of us have made music together and I am ready for the silence to end. To make this happen we will have to work together as we approach changes in our day to day choir requirements.

As your child will soon realize, I expect everyone's best effort in every rehearsal and I ask the students to be open to learning and to experiencing new, unique, and meaningful moments. Individual hard work and commitment to a group are a vital part of being in choir. Each student is a participating member of a larger group that emphasizes individual concentration, energies, attendance, quality, and cooperation. This being said, each of my choir students will also be charged with the unique responsibility to support and respect each other in and out of the music department.

Like so many organizations, we will thrive because of willing volunteers. The Loveland Music Booster's Association makes a tremendous contribution to the success of choral programs and I am going to ask you to join in contributing to Loveland High School's success. This handbook contains much information so that students and parents alike will be aware of my expectations and so they will be able to plan for the year. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions throughout the school year.

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Sincerely,

Shawn Miller



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Loveland's Choirs

Allure (Women's Ensemble and Show Choir)

Allure is an auditioned group that offers a variety of learning experiences for high school choral musicians. This ensemble studies a variety of musical styles while incorporating music theory, music history, and vocal technique. Students will learn solfege and the basics of sight-reading. The Allure will perform at all major concerts, Show Choir Contests and OMEA Large ensemble performance. Students are highly encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities such as Solo & Ensemble and the Fall and Spring Musical Uniform. Show Choir fee applies

Chorale

Chorale is an ensemble offered by the Choral Department for students at all musical and vocal ability levels. The choir performs traditional choral literature of various genres. Students will explore music theory concepts relating to tonality, key signatures, and sight-reading. Chorale will perform at all major concerts and possibly at OMEA large ensemble contest. Students are highly encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities such as Solo & Ensemble and the Fall and Spring Musical. Choral fee: \$20.00

Vocal Ensemble

Vocal Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble that will be focusing on advance vocal literature. Students will continue to advance music theory and sight reading skills. VE will perform at school concerts, OMEA large group contest and in the community (as needed). Students are highly encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities such as Solo & Ensemble and the spring musical. Vocal Ensemble fee: \$20.00 for students not in Show Choir

A Cappella (Resonance)

A Cappella Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble that will be focusing on A Cappella literature. Students will continue to advance music theory and sight reading skills. We will perform at school concerts and in the community (as needed). Students are highly encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities such as Solo & Ensemble and the musicals

A Cappella fee: \$20.00

By Request

By Request is an auditioned advanced mixed show choir focused on building applied performance techniques. This group will meet during the day as well as outside of school rehearsals. BR will perform at concerts, show choir contests, OMEA large ensemble contest and throughout the community. Students are highly encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities such as Solo & Ensemble and the Spring Musical. Show Choir fee required

Private Instruction

Singing requires many different skills. A private music teacher can help advance a students singing to a dramatically higher level. I strongly encourage lessons for all students. Students interested should contact the choral director at the beginning of the year for information.

Loveland High School Choral Standards

Conduct

Expectations of good conduct are essential from all choir members. Each student will represent their choir, the music department and Loveland High School in the best way possible at all times. In addition to the expectations of conduct stated in the LHS handbook, choir students are expected to display proper conduct and respect of the highest caliber during dress rehearsals, performances, festivals, contests, field trips, or any activity associated with choir. Respect toward peers and adults is a must. Unacceptable conduct from a LHS choir student may result in disciplinary action, and/or removal from choir.

Educational Disruption Procedures:

1st - Meeting with student

2nd - Teacher/Student Conference with Parent contact

3rd - Office referral and student contract/Parent contact

4th - Office referral and student will receive an F for the semester

Rehearsal Expectations

Discard gum before going to rehearsal seat.

Be in assigned seat with your music and pencil with an eraser when the bell rings.

During the course of the rehearsal students are to refrain from talking.

When another section is rehearsing, silently follow along, should you be called upon to join in, or critique the performance. This also provides constructive rehearsal time.

Students are responsible for treating each other and their environment with respect. This includes inside and outside of rehearsal.

Participate in class discussions.

Do not share music and folders.

Mark your music in pencil as instructed.

Students should keep their music in good condition and their folder in its proper place.

There will be no food or drinks (excepting water) in the music room.

Before returning a piece of music you must erase your name and all markings.

Please use bathroom privileges sparingly. You must sign out using the QR code on the door

Attendance/Absences

Students are required to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Excused absences will require formal documentation. Excused absences would be, a death in the family, court dates or serious illness that requires doctor's visit. Absences that are not of an emergency nature **must be reported beforehand and not after the concert.**

Students are responsible for making up any material or assignments missed due to absences.

For students who work, be fair to your employer and give advance notice of performances and other choral activities. When there are direct conflicts with other school activities, a note must be submitted to Mr. Miller as far as possible in advance.

**Classroom Requirements : 1 or 1 1/2 inch three ring binder, Mechanical pencil
Classroom Needs: Tissues and Disinfecting Wipes**

Music/Materials

Original scores will be assigned to students. Students are to use pencil for performance markings and properly shelve their choral folio following rehearsals. Due to the high cost of music, students will be assessed a "current value replacement" charge for lost sheet music.

Contests/Festivals

OMEA Solo/Ensemble, Festivals, Contest and All State are only a few of the choral experiences offered to the choral students. Students participate in contests and festivals to learn new approaches to choral learning through working with recognized conductors and other choral students.

The choral department pays for most fees associated with OMEA events. In the event a student cancels a performance in a contest, the student is responsible to refund the fee to the school district within 2 weeks of the cancellation.

Fundraising

Each year the choral department participates in fundraisers through the Loveland Music Boosters. The Boosters aide the Choral department each year and fundraising profits are used in that effort.

Grading

Choral ensembles are graded on the following:

Class Participation, Preparation, Behavior =

Effort to Achieve Personal Excellence

Professionalism as a Musician

Respect of Others

Attention to Classroom Standards

Use of Class Time

Assessments = Voice Tests, Tests, Score Analysis and Written Assignments Exams

Attendance = Attendance/Punctuality Concert Dress Performance Professionalism

This choir will use a total points grading system. The quarter grade will be points earned out of possible and converted to a percent. This score will be given a letter based on the district scale.

A **daily participation grade** of 10 points-This includes attendance, tardiness, and rehearsal expectations including having music daily, not chewing gum, good posture, etc.

Quizzes/Tests-points announced **Concerts**-250 points each-promptness; uniform; performance and expectations.

LHS Vocal Music 2021-2022

Calendar Dates

September 17th - Loveland Music Night - With 8th grade at the football game

October 5th - LHS Vocal Music Concert - LHS Auditorium (All Choirs)

December 11th - LHS Vocal Concert - LHS Auditorium (All Choirs)

December 17th-18th - Show Choir Clinics - (BR,A)

January 2nd - Preview Night - (BR, A) - 7pm

January 14th & 15th - Beaver Creek SC Invitational - (BR,A)

January 22nd - OMEA Solo and Ensemble

February 4th-5th - Northrop High School (BR,A)

February 11th-12th- Loveland Showfest (BR, A)

February 18th & 19th - Olentangy HS (All SC)

February 25th-26th- Ross Show Choir Inv. (BR,A)

March 2nd - LHS Vocal Music Concert (ALL)

March 4th-5th - OMEA Large Group (BR,A,VE)

March 12th - Lebanon HS SC Contest (BR,A)

March 18th-19th - Fairfield HS SC Contest (BR, A)

March 24th-27 - Show Choir Nationals

April 13th-16th - Spring Drama - All are encouraged to audition

April 30th - Loveland Show Choir Finale

May 7th-13 - Loveland Arts Week (we will have a performance this week day TBD)

May 9th - Show Choir Banquet

* VE- Vocal Ensemble BR- By Request A-Allure C - Chorale ACA- A Cappella