

Blocker Soundwaves Show Choir Handbook 2020-2021

Student Expectations

All Soundwaves students will be expected to participate in one of the choir program's other performing ensembles (Bella Voce, Nova Canto, or Cantata Carina) and to abide by the rules, guidelines, and expectations outlined in the Blocker Choir Handbook. In addition, Soundwaves students will be expected to:

- Attend any scheduled mandatory rehearsals before school from 7-7:25AM or after school from 3-4PM
- Attend all Soundwaves performances
- Rehearse music and choreography outside of class with the help of rehearsal tracks and choreography videos

Participation in the Soundwaves is a privilege and is designed to prepare the students for the competitive, award-winning Soundsations Show Choir at Texas City High School. Students who participate in the Soundwaves will be expected to be leaders in their choir classes and other classes on campus. Students who do not abide by the expectations of the Soundwaves will not be permitted to participate in the ensemble.

Grading

Grades for the Show Choir class will follow the same format as the grades assigned in the other choir classes (Bella Voce, Nova Canto, and Cantata Carina).

Probation

Students who do not meet the expectations of the Show Choir program will be placed on probation for the rest of the concert preparation period (until the next major performance is over). You will be placed on probation if you

- Are absent from 2 or more before- or after-school rehearsals during the concert preparation period (attending rehearsal and being unprepared on music or choreography preparation, not participating, or causing disciplinary issues will result in being asked to leave the rehearsal and the rehearsal being recorded as an absence)
- Are tardy to 4 or more before- or after-school rehearsals during the concert preparation period
- Miss 1 or more mandatory performances during the current semester (excused absences will be at the discretion of the director)

Students who are placed on probation will be expected to attend performances but will not be able to perform with the Soundwaves. Students who do not abide by the expectations of probation will face consequences up to and including removal from the Show Choir program.

Supplies

Students will be expected to provide the following:

- Binder with All Current Music (Marked as Instructed) and a Pencil

Students will purchase the following from the choir department as part of their \$125 dues:

- Dance Shoes
- Show Choir T-Shirt
- Dance Shorts for Girls

Performance uniforms will be provided by the choir department for the students' use.

Dues

Current Dues: \$45 (Please pay by Monday, October 5)

\$15 Soundwaves Shirt

\$30 Choreography Fee

Because the Soundwaves' competition season is currently uncertain, we will not currently include any competition costs in dues. These may be added at a later date if necessary.

We are also unsure at this point about whether we will be using our competition uniforms and shoes for performances. If we are able to use them later in the school year, an additional \$80 in dues will be collected (Girls- Shoes and Dance Shorts, Boys- Shoes).