

Pease Elementary School

2016-2017



Bobcat Singers

Choir

Handbook

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Bobcat Singers Choir Handbook

Congratulations on choosing to participate in the Pease Bobcat Singers Choir! The following information is provided to help us all work together to produce excellence in our program. Please take time to read it carefully with your family.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays after school at 2:45-3:30. Students should report directly to the Music Room after dismissal. Choir students should not leave the building. All students will wait for pick up in the Music Room to be picked up at 3:30. If a parent is late, they must call and let us know and you will wait quietly in the office for pick up. PEP students will report to PEP.

Attendance/ Tardy Policy

We depend on everyone to attend ALL rehearsals. Please avoid scheduling appointments (dentists, doctor, etc.) on Choir rehearsal dates. Of course, this is not always possible and I understand that appointments will sometimes interfere with our rehearsals. If you know you will be absent or need to leave early, please drop Ms. Atherton a note ahead of time. If you are ill and miss school, you are excused from choir and should stay home and get well! Students that miss rehearsals need to bring a note for Ms. Atherton stating the nature of the absence, in addition to the note given to the office. You can also email this information at leeann.atherton@austinisd.org. Excessive absences and/or tardies may result in removal from choir.

Behavior Expectations

Choir members are expected to have good citizenship at all times; during the school day, during rehearsals and during performances.

Rehearsal Expectations

- 1. Be respectful of others.*
- 2. Refrain from talking during rehearsal.*
- 3. Come to rehearsal prepared with your materials.*
- 4. Do your best.*

Consequences

- 1. Warning*
- 2. Removal from seat until approval to return from Ms. Atherton.*
- 3. Removal from rehearsal (note sent home) and sent back to class.*
- 4. Removal from rehearsal (phone call home) and sent back to class.*
- 5. Removal from choir.*

Even though the choir is an extra-curricular group and rehearses outside of school hours, it is a very visible group and, as a whole, is a representative of Pease Elementary School. With that comes more responsibility for all members. Choir members are expected to be positive peer role models by following all school expectations and guidelines at all times. I will receive regular updates from all homeroom teachers when it comes to choir members.

Failure to follow these expectations can result in removal from the choir program. The decision to remove a student from the choir is up to Ms. Atherton's judgment.

Grades

Choir members are expected to maintain their grades in all classes. Students involved in choir are expected to maintain all A's and B's in all their academic classes as maintaining 3's and 4s in all personal growth grades. Students who fall below these set expectations could be pulled from the choir program to attend tutoring. If a student is asked they must attend these sessions before returning to choir rehearsals.

Responsibility

Choir members are expected to turn in all necessary form/permission slips, etc. on time. There is a designated box in the music room for all choir related papers and information. Please DO NOT turn in choir forms to homeroom teachers! This includes notes for absences. Students are expected to find out what they missed. Choir "business" should be taken care of outside of your daily music time, preferably before or after school. Choir members are also expected to come to each rehearsal prepared with their choir materials and music. Failure to bring materials to rehearsals could lead to removal from group.

Choir Shirts

Each member of the choir will need to own their own Pease Bobcat Singers T-shirt. These t-shirts will be our "uniform" that we will wear for most performances throughout the school year. The cost of the t-shirt is included in the choir dues (\$25). This year's shirt can be ordered when returning the "Choir Membership Information" located at the back of this handbook. Students who lose their shirt will be responsible for getting a new one.

Choir Dues

Choir Dues are set at \$25.00. This money is used to purchase the things we will need throughout the school year such as choir shirts, new music, folders, CD's and supplies. It will also be used for the end of the year party and any field trips we may take. Choir dues are not refundable if a student

*moves or is removed from choir due to behavior issues. ***** Scholarships Available- Please email Ms. Atherton ******

Schedule

Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, depending on my traveling schedule. I travel every third day (A Day) to a different school! If I am absent and have a substitute, I will ask our secretary to announce that there will be no choir rehearsal that day, and the students will be allowed to call home and make arrangements for pickup.

Please post the calendar on the fridge or somewhere that is convenient. The calendar will be posted on the Music room website. Throughout the year there may be other performances that are scheduled that are not on the attached schedule. I will send home information for these performances as soon as I get details.

Stay Informed!

To stay informed about the Bobcat Singers you can visit our music class website on the Pease website peaseelementary.weebly.com

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Wednesday REHEARSAL DATES

Sept. 7, 14 and 28

Oct. 5, 12, 19

Nov. 2, 9, 30

Dec. 7, 21

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

Feb. 8, 15, 22

Choir Party May 24

Bobcat Singers Contact Information and Permission

Name _____

Parent Email _____

Phone _____

I will be picked up after choir from the music room _____

I will go to PEP _____

I have included \$25 dues _____

I love to sing!