



OAK MTN MIDDLE SCHOOL **CHOIR**

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Choir Website
ommschoir.com

Welcome to the OMMS Choral Department!
We are glad you're here.

Class Materials Needed:

Materials are provided upon payment of the Choir Course Fee through My School Bucks.

- Provided
 - 3 ring binder
 - Pencil Pouch w/ Pencils
 - Headphones
 - Music for both semesters
 - Notebook
- *Binders and Music will be returned at the end of each semester. **Damaged materials must be paid for.***

What are we going to be learning?

In all choir classes, regardless of grade level or experience, we will introduce, study, practice, or assess these concepts:

- Sight-Singing — learning to sing pitches & rhythms
- Basic Music Theory — learning to read music & understand music terms
- Singing Technique — proper breathing, posture, phonating, articulation and resonance
- Concert Etiquette — courteous behavior as both an audience member & performer
- Stage Presence — performing with excitement & singing expressively
- Teamwork — rehearsing together daily toward common goals, treating others with kindness

Performance Opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Fall Follies
- All State Choral Festival
- Winter Concert (*required for all students*)
- UAB Honor Choir
- In-School Performances (*required for all students*)
- Oak Mountain Choral Festival (*required for all students*)
- Young Voices Festival
- Spring Concert (*required for all students*)
- Possible other community or school performance opportunities



Choir Fees

6th Grade, Apex, and Ascent

A course fee for choir is **\$60** and may be paid through [My School Bucks](#).

What do fees pay for?

- Music for both semesters
- Choir t-shirt
- Bus transportation for rehearsals
- Charter buses to competitions
- Festival entry fees
- Sight-reading Materials
- Choir Binders
- Headphones
- Uniform Dry Cleaning
- Performance facilities rental

Elevation

The show choir fee is **\$630**. Parents may follow the payment schedule on [My School Bucks](#), or may make a one-time payment.

What do fees pay for?

- Music arrangements
- Instrumental tracks
- Competition Registrations
- Charter buses to competitions
- Costumes
- Choreographers
- Show props
- Backdrops
- Sheet Music
- Equipment truck rentals
- Costume & Equipment repair
- Performance facilities rental

Concert Uniform Rental (ALL CHOIR STUDENTS)

All choir students, regardless of choir, will need to rent the formal concert uniform. The **\$30** rental fee can be paid on [My School Bucks](#).

Grading

The grading system is designed to allow a student to earn a grade that is indicative of his/her efforts. It rewards responsibility and improvement and encourages a student to be conscientious about his/her commitment. The 9-weeks grades will be based on the following criteria. Some additions or deletions may occur during the year.

Gold Grade — Music Ensemble Effort (*rehearsal participation*)

Silver Grades — Performances & Music Theory Quizzes

Bronze Grades — Marking Music & Journals , Part Checks & Sight-singing, & Turning in Forms



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Choir Procedures & Expectations

- Attend all performances and rehearsals.
- A full list of specific classroom and behavior expectations may be found here: [Behavior Contract](#).

Travel

Each student in the choral department will have the opportunity at some point throughout the year to travel away from our school on a school bus or charter bus. This is a privilege. Eligibility for travel is outlined in the [Choir Behavior Contract](#).

In addition to field trips, each spring the 7th & 8th grade choir and band students take a trip. Information about the destination, trip cost, itinerary, and performance will be emailed to parents and listed on the choir website during the fall semester.

Communication

- The choir website — www.ommschoir.com
- Email : ggraddy@shelbyed.org or cfreeman@shelbyed.org *(please email all money-related questions to Mr. Freeman)*
- **BAND app** (see [Parent Checklist](#))
- Social Media:
 - o Instagram — [@oakmtnmschoir](#)
 - o Facebook — [/OakMtnMSChoir](#)