

Lake Highlands High School Choir Handbook 2024-2025



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Please refer to our RISD Choir Handbook for all policies, procedures, and department information. You can always find up to date choir calendars and specific current information on our choir website:

www.lhhschoir.org

Required Signature Pages to be returned by students are included with this packet. Please complete, sign, and return all pages with your student by **Thursday, August 29th.**

- 1-Extracurricular Guidelines Acknowledgement Form
- 2-Handbook Acknowledgment Form
- 3-Medical Release for Travel Form
- 4-Choir Activity Fee and Booster Club Membership Form

Thank you for the time that helps us be compliant with RISD policy!

**2024-2025 Extracurricular Activity Acknowledgment
and Agreement Form**

Student Statement:

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the RISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students. I agree to comply with all rules and regulations in these guidelines and any additional rules adopted by my school as a condition of participation as a member of an extracurricular activity. I understand that my failure to comply with these guidelines may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

Printed Name of Student

Student Signature

Date Signed

Parent/Legal Guardian Statement (for students under 18 years of age):

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the RISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students. I understand that my student must comply with all rules and regulations written in these guidelines and any additional rules adopted by my student's school as a condition of participation in an extracurricular activity. I understand that his or her failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date Signed

2024-2025 LAKE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR
HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

This Handbook is distributed to all Lake Highlands High School Choir students and their parents. The information is intended to make your choir experience as positive and fulfilling as possible.

Please sign the following acknowledgement form and return it to the choir office. All forms must be on file before the end of the first six weeks.

Student's Printed Name _____

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE
2024-2025 LAKE HIGHLANDS HIGH CHOIR HANDBOOK AND WILL
OBSERVE ALL GUIDELINES FOUND THEREIN.**

LHHS Choir Student Signature

Date

**I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE 2024-2025 LAKE HIGHLANDS
HIGH CHOIR HANDBOOK AND UNDERSTAND HOW IT APPLIES TO
MY CHOIR STUDENT.**

LHHS Choir Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I grant permission for LHHS Choir to identify me by name or likeness or both in LHHS or RISD publications, either printed or electronic.

Accept

Decline

LHHS Choir Student Signature

I grant permission for LHHS Choir to identify my above named child by name or likeness or both in LHHS or RISD publications, either printed or electronic.

Accept

Decline

LHHS Choir Parent/Guardian Signature





RISD Fine Arts Department Authorization and Release for Student Travel

General Information

Throughout the year, your student's Fine Arts program may travel locally or out of the local area to performances, competitions, enrichment opportunities etc. Your student is eligible to attend if you choose to allow the student's participation. These trips are designed for enrichment, entertainment, and/or curriculum enhancement and your student's participation is completely voluntary. If a trip involves travel out of the local area, students will be responsible for meeting all financial commitments for the trip. Students represent the Richardson Independent School District and their school at all times. Student participation in this trip or any other activity is conditioned upon the student's compliance with all applicable rules and policies before and during the activity. Any student who engages in inappropriate behavior while away from RISD on a school-sponsored trip is subject to immediate removal from the activity at the parents' expense in addition to any other school discipline which may be administered.

This form provides basic information about the trip and seeks to gather important information about your student that is necessary during the trip. The activity sponsor will provide more detailed information and you will have the opportunity to ask questions to ensure you make a fully informed decision about your student's participation in this activity.

Please carefully read and complete all information requested on this form. Incomplete forms may delay your student's approval for the activity.

Student and Parent /Guardian Information *(Please print legibly and provide all requested information)*

Student's Full Name _____ DOB _____

Student's Address _____

Student Mobile Telephone # _____ Student Home Telephone # _____

Name(s) of Student's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) _____

Address (if different from student) _____

Mother's Telephone Contact #s (Home, Mobile, Work) _____

Father's Telephone Contact #s (Home, Mobile, Work) _____

Name/Contact #s for Alternate Adult (Emergency Contact) _____

Name/Contact #s for Alternate Adult (Emergency Contact) _____

PRINTED Student Name: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE

My signature below certifies that I (i) am the parent/legal guardian of the student named in this form and that I have full legal authority to make decisions concerning this minor child, (ii) have carefully completed the information requested on this form and the information is true and complete, (iii) have familiarized myself with the school-sponsored activity described in this form and I have had an opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of the activity, and (iv) authorize my student named herein to participate in the described activity, including the use of transportation through common carriers or other public or private means. I understand that the Richardson Independent School District and its employees will take reasonable steps to ensure the activity is conducted in a safe and responsible manner but I further understand and agree that my student could be injured or sustain other damage or loss. In consideration of the work by the Richardson Independent School District and its employees to plan and sponsor this trip and to allow my student to participate, on my own behalf and on behalf of my minor student named herein, I hereby release and hold harmless the Richardson Independent School District and its trustees, employees, agents, assigns, and volunteers from any claims or causes of action, including negligence, resulting from any damages, injuries, or other loss to my student, to me, or my family, arising out of or resulting from my student's participation in this trip.

In the event that my student is presented for or requires medical treatment or surgery or any other form of medical care or aid, I do hereby authorize the trip sponsors/chaperones to provide consent for my student to obtain such care and I authorize any medical provider to communicate or consult with such sponsors or chaperones about my student's medical treatment, including disclosing my student's protected health information. I understand that I am responsible for payment of all costs or charges related to medical treatment my student receives such as, but not limited to physician, hospital, x-ray, lab, drugs, and EMS.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date Signed _____ Date Signed _____

Health-Related Information

1. List allergies to food, medications, other. (If None, state NKA.)

2. Describe all major health concerns and illnesses (e.g., diabetes, epilepsy, allergies, heart issues, etc.) (If None, so state.)

3. Will the student be required to take any medication on the trip? If yes, describe. If no, so state.
List medication(s), their purpose, mode of administration, and any assistance the student requires

4. Date of last Tetanus injection:

5. Name/Address/Phone of family physician:

6. Does student wear (yes/no): glasses? _____ contact lenses? _____ hearing aid? _____ other assistive device? _____

7. Additional medical information or comments:

Insurance Coverage – Please attach a copy (front and back) of any medical and/or dental insurance card(s) under which the student is covered. Identify which carrier provides the primary coverage, if applicable.

Name of Parent who is the Policy Holder: _____

Lake Highlands Area Choir Activity Fee and Choir Booster Club Membership Form

Dear Choir Family,

Excellence, pride, and high musical standards are just a part of the rich tradition of Lake Highlands Area Choir Departments. These standards require the enthusiastic participation of every student, teacher, and parent. Your personal involvement and financial partnership are keys to providing the greatest opportunity for your talented children and are essential to assuring these choirs remain the best!

Choir Fees: Choir fees are paid by each singer in our programs. We depend on the Booster Club and our annual Choir Activity Fee for support! Our school budget doesn't even come close to covering the cost of our students' needs for the year! Our Lake Highlands Area Booster Club provides:

- ♪ Support for the Choral Departments at LHHS, LHMS and FMMS.
- ♪ Scholarships for lessons, competition/audition fees, and required uniforms.
- ♪ Sheet music (a major expense), sound equipment and supplies, facilities improvements...and more!

Booster Club: At \$20 per family membership, the Booster Club is also a bargain. I hope those of you who can, will consider including an additional donation. Your contribution directly benefits YOUR child's choir. Together, as the tradition continues, we'll make 2024-2025 the best year ever! Thank you!

Kari Gilbertson
Head Director, Lake Highlands Area Choral Department

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♪ ♪ Lake Highlands Area Choir Activity Fees/Booster Club ♪ ♪ Membership Form 2024-2025

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1st Student's Name _____ Grade _____

School (circle one) LHMS / FMMS / LHHS Choir / Class period _____

2nd Student's Name _____ Grade _____

School (circle one) LHMS / FMMS / LHHS Choir / Class period _____

Choir Activity Fee (Required)

_____ \$50 per MS student

_____ \$100 per HS student

Booster Club Membership (Recommended)

_____ \$20 per family (Tax-deductible)

Additional Patron Donation (Optional)

_____ Any amount (Tax-deductible)

_____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Send this form with student with:

Check payable to **LHACBC** to the Choir Director at
LHMS / FMMS / LHHS

OR pay online

www.LHHSChoir.org
& click DONATE Button

(3% fee will be added with your payment total)

OR pay with Zelle at:

lhchoirs2015@gmail.com

Please notate your name, student, and
membership school in the memo.

LHHS Choral Department Calendar 2024 - 2025

MONTH	DATE	EVENTS	Required/Optional	LOCATION	TIME/DAY
JULY	8	TCDA Leadership Camp	Officers and All Leaders Welcome	Ranchview HS/Irving	9am-3pm
	Various Dates	All State Camps-Statewide Options	Optional for many; encouraged for all	Various Campuses	
	16-19	RISD All State Camp-FREE	Optional for many; encouraged for all	Richardson HS	Day
AUGUST	12	All Choir Officer Room Workday	Officers Required/ All Welcome	L & H Choir Room	9am-3pm (2 shifts)
	29	Fall Fundraiser-Butter Braids	Optional for many; encouraged for all	L&H Community	
SEPTEMBER	3	Booster Club Board & General Meeting	Elected Class Officers from each choir	LHHS L-Choir Room	6:30/7:00pm
	21	All Region Choir Auditions-1st Round (Date Set by UIL/TMEA Executive Council)	Optional for many; encouraged for all.	Lake Highlands High School	Day Time Slots-Sat.
	26	Varsity Review		L Auditorium	7:00 PM
	27	Homecoming Concert/Reception	♪	LHHS L-Choir Room	4:30-5:00pm
OCTOBER	3 – 20	Poinsettia Sales	Optional for many; encouraged for all.	Community	
	15	LH Area Choirs--Fall Concert	♪	LHHS L-Auditorium	7:00
	19	All Region Choir Auditions-Round 2	Optional for many; encouraged for all.	Berkner HS	All Day
	29	All Region and All District Pre-Rehearsal	Those who make a Region/District Choir	Lake Highlands HS	6:00-8:30pm
NOVEMBER	7	All Region/All District Concert	Those who make a Region/District Choir	Dallas Baptist University	9am-5pm-Thurs.
	18-Likely	Region 20 Pre-Area Round	Those who advance to Pre-Area Auditions	Highland Park High School	Evening
DECEMBER	1	Family/Staff Choir Rehearsal		LHHS L Choir Room	1:30-2:30pm
	TBD Week of 2-6	Poinsettia Delivery	♪	LHHS HUB	3:00 – 6:00
	9	L-Campus Holiday Caroling and Banquet	♪	Diversicare & Wilshire Baptist Church for Banquet	6:30-9:00pm
	10	Family/Staff Choir Rehearsal		LHHS L Choir Room	6:00-7:00pm
	13	L & H Choir Holiday Concert	♪	LHHS L-Auditorium	7:00
JANUARY	8	Booster Club—Officers/Committees		LHHS L-Choir Room	7:00 PM
	11	All State Choir Area Auditions		Pearce HS	Day
	1/23-1/26	LHHS Fine Arts Musical-TBA		LHHS L-Auditorium	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY	12-15	TMEA Convention—All State Choir		San Antonio	Day
	22	Choir RISD Solo and Ensemble Festival	♪	H Building	Day
	28	Espree Show	E	LHHS L-Auditorium	7:00 PM
MARCH	1	Espree Show	E	LHHS L-Auditorium	7:00 PM
	Scheduled	TBD—UIL/Varsity Sectionals for A Cappella	♪	Choir Room	Monday Evenings
	TBD	Pre-UIL Clinic Concert	♪	L or H Auditorium	5:30-8:30pm
APRIL	1 and 2	Hosting MS/JH Region 20 UIL	UIL Ambassadors	H Building	All Day
	7 and 8	6A Varsity and Non-Varsity UIL	♪	Richardson HS	Day
	22	Booster Club Spring Meeting		LHHS Choir Room	6:30-7:30
	23-27	A Cappella Choir Orlando Choir Trip (Pending RISD Approval)	♪	Orlando, Florida	Day
	4/9-5/5	Uniform Collection	♪	L & H Choir Rooms	
MAY	9	Spring Choir Banquet and Concert	♪	LHHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
	12-13-14	Espree 25-26 Auditions and Call Backs		LHHS L-Choir Room	4:15 – 6:30
	15-16	CenterStage 2025-2026 Auditions		H-Choir Room	4:30-7:30
♪ Performance Required of Entire 24-25 Department					
E-Espree					
♪ Performance Required of A Cappella Choir					
<i>As of: July 2024: Dates subject to change with advanced notice.</i>					



UPDATED 7/10/2024

RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July 4... Independence Day (RISD Offices Closed)

AUGUST 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13A	14B	15A	16B	17
18	19A	20B	21A	22B	23A	24
25	26B	27A	28B	29A	30B	31

Aug. 13... First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3A	4B	5A	6B	7
8	9A	10B	11A	12B	13A	14
15	16B	17A	18B	19A	20B	21
22	23A	24B	25A	26B	27A	28
29	30B					

Sept 2... Labor Day
Sept 18... Elementary Early Release

OCTOBER 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1A	2B	3A	4B	5
6	7A	8B	9A	10B	11	12
13	14	15A	16B	17A	18B	19
20	21A	22B	23A	24B	25A	26
27	28B	29A	30B	31A		

Oct. 10... Grading Period Ends
Oct. 11... Student Holiday/Staff Pro. Learning
Oct. 14... State Fair Holiday
Oct. 23... Elementary Early Release

NOVEMBER 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1B	2
3	4	5	6A	7B	8A	9
10	11B	12A	13B	14A	15B	16
17	18A	19B	20A	21B	22A	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Nov. 4-5... Student Holiday/Staff Pro. Learning
Nov. 25-27... Student Holiday/Staff Exchange Days
Nov. 28-29... Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2B	3A	4B	5A	6B	7
8	9A	10B	11A	12B	13A	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Dec. 20... Early Release/Grading Period Ends
Dec. 23-Jan. 3... Winter Break

JANUARY 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4						
5	6	7A	8B	9A	10B	11
12	13A	14B	15A	16B	17A	18
19	20	21B	22A	23B	24A	25
26	27B	28A	29B	30A	31B	

Dec. 23-Jan. 3... Winter Break
Jan. 6... Student Holiday/Staff Pro. Learning
Jan. 7... Second Semester Begins
Jan. 20... Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

FEBRUARY 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3A	4B	5A	6B	7A	8
9	10B	11A	12B	13A	14B	15
16	17	18A	19B	20A	21B	22
23	24A	25B	26A	27B	28A	

Feb. 13... Elementary Early Release
Feb. 17... Student Holiday/Staff Pro. Learning

MARCH 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3B	4A	5B	6A	7B	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17A	18B	19A	20B	21A	22
23	24B	25A	26B	27A	28B	29
30	31A					

March 7... Grading Period Ends
March 10/14... Spring Break

APRIL 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1B	2A	3B	4A	5
6	7B	8A	9B	10A	11B	12
13	14A	15B	16A	17B	18A	19
20	21A	22B	23A	24B	25A	26
27	28A	29B	30A			

April 17... Elementary Early Release
April 18... Make-Up Day
April 21... Make-Up Day

MAY 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1B	2A	3
4	5B	6A	7B	8A	9B	10
11	12A	13B	14A	15B	16A	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May 23... Early Release/Last Day of School
May 26... Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

June 19... Juneteenth (RISD Offices Closed)

CALENDAR SYMBOLS KEY

- Student and Staff Holiday
- Student Holiday/Staff Professional Learning
- Student Holiday/Staff Exchange Day
- Make-Up Day (if needed, subject to change)
- Early Release for All Campuses
- Early Release for Elementary Schools Only
- Grading Period Ends
- A / B... Block Schedule for Secondary Schools

SCHOOL HOURS

- Pre-K Programs... Check with home campus
 - Dobie Pre-K... 7:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
 - Elementary... 7:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
 - Junior High... 8:15 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
 - High School... 9 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.
- Early release dismissal is two hours ahead of normal dismissal time.