

## Office of Fine Arts – Music

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**Howard County Junior High School G/T Chorus**  
**Malcolm Washington & Jordan Hoffmaster, Coordinators**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

August 2021

The *Howard County Junior High School Gifted and Talented Chorus* is a countywide musical opportunity for choral students in grades 7-9 who excel in their school choral programs. Your child has been selected to participate in this enrichment ensemble based on his/her/their demonstration of excellent music skills and cooperation in his/her/their home school choral program.

Parents/Guardians: Please read and **initial** the following details:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child must be registered for a choir class in his/her/their home school for the full 2021-2022 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am registering my child to participate in the Howard County Junior High School Gifted and Talented Chorus and as such, **I am making a primary commitment that my student will attend ALL rehearsals and the concert for their full duration. Tardiness will not be tolerated.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that it is the responsibility of the parent / guardian to transport their child to and from rehearsals. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from the concert.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child must be at rehearsals on time and picked up on time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Students must be present on time at all rehearsals. Tardiness will be considered an unexcused absence.** Please compare the G/T Chorus schedule with your calendar to work out conflicts. In *extreme* circumstances, students may request an excused absence.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Excused absences will be granted at the discretion of the G/T Chorus Coordinators.** Acceptable reasons might include, but are not limited to: extenuating circumstances (wedding, funeral), athletic **game** conflict, extreme illness, etc... Excused absences *will not include* reasons such as work, athletic practice, homework, etc... **Students must contact the G/T Chorus Coordinators one week prior to the missed rehearsal to be considered for an excused absence.** Students may be permitted **only one excused absence.** Students may be denied the request for an excused absence. **More than one absence from the Tuesday night rehearsals will result in dismissal from the ensemble.**

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Please read and **initial** the following details:

\_\_\_\_\_ Students are expected to **learn ALL of the music. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the ensemble.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Students selected are expected to participate and to come prepared for each rehearsal (binder, music, pencil) and understand that the HCPSS code of conduct is in effect at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students selected will pay a \$100 fee to cover costs of the music and accompanist. **Cash or checks made payable to HCPSS are due at the first rehearsal on September 21.** If this fee presents significant hardship for your family, please speak directly to your school choir director. **This fee is non-refundable.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Directors have the right to dismiss any student from the ensemble at any time at their discretion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all rehearsals will follow CDC/HCPSS policies for Covid-19 and that those policies may change over the next six months.

I fully understand what is expected of my child's commitment to the 2021 Howard County GT Honor Choir and have marked every rehearsal/concert date in our family calendar.

**Parent/Guardian Name**

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ I fully understand what is expected of my commitment to the 2021 Howard County GT Honor Choir and have marked every rehearsal/concert date in our family calendar. \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name**

**Student Signature**

**REGISTRATION:** To register your child for participation in the Howard County Junior High School GT Choir, **please complete and return the following to your school choir director by Sep 10, 2021**

- Parent/Student Contract (this form - **two pages**)
- Registration Form

Please bring your non-refundable check, cash, or money order in the amount \$100 made payable to HCPSS to the first rehearsal on **Sep 21, 2021** .

Please feel free to contact Mr. Washington at malcolm\_washington@hcpss.org or Mr. Hoffmaster at jordan\_hoffmaster@hcpss.org with any questions. We look forward to working with you!

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**Practice Tracks:** Practice Files will be sent via email so students can prepare their music *prior to the first rehearsal on September 21, 2021*. **Part checks will occur on the first week of rehearsal** - failure to prepare adequately for part-check will result in dismissal from the ensemble.

**Concert Attire:** The concert uniform for the Howard County High School GT Chorus will exactly match the uniform for the Maryland Educators' Association All State Senior Chorus.

**Attire must include:**

White long sleeve button up dress shirt  
Long black skirt (must be at least to your mid-calf) with black tights or hose  
Black closed-toed dress shoes (heel may be one inch or *smaller*)

**OR**

White long sleeve button up dress shirt  
Black dress slacks with Black belt, Black socks  
Black closed-toed dress shoes (heel may be one inch or *smaller*)  
Black, plain neck tie (*no bow ties*)

**Rehearsal and Performance Schedule-**

Tuesday, September 21	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, September 28	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, October 5	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, October 12	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, October 19	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, October 26	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
Tuesday, November 2	Rehearsal	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Hammond HS
<b>Saturday, November 6</b>	<b>Dress Rehearsal</b> *Bring Lunch	<b>9:00am - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Glenelg HS</b>
<b>Sunday, November 7</b>	<b>Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>12:30pm - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Glenelg HS</b>
Sunday, November 7	Concert	3:00pm - 5:00 pm	Glenelg HS

Students must be present at the, Sat.11/6, and Sun. 11/7 rehearsals IN THEIR ENTIRETY to be permitted to participate in the Junior High School GT Chorus Concert. If a student misses any part of those two rehearsals for any reason, they will be dismissed from the ensemble. Participation fees are non-refundable.