

**BL GRAY JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL CHOIR
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2019-2020**

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Introduction

Welcome to another great year at BL Gray Junior High School Choir! We are excited to get the year started with a fantastic group of students. Our choir department has so much to offer all who are a part of it. Music is a vital part of everyone's life, and there is much evidence to support that participating in music stimulates the brain and increases a person's intelligence.

Our choir department offers the following benefits (as well as many more!) to its members:

- Performances of a Lifetime
- Lifelong Friendships
- Competitions
- A Place to "Belong"
- Annual Trips

We hope your experience this year will prove to be fun, educational, and stimulating!

Dues

There is no official charge to participate in choir, however, there are a few items that will cost a nominal fee:

1. Choir T-shirts – approximately \$10
2. Spring Trip – (if intending to go) approximately \$100, any more should be covered by fundraising
3. Lost or destroyed music – the cost to replace the music.
4. Lost or destroyed outfit
5. \$15 for choir outfit cleaning (or get it cleaned on your own).

Choir Calendar

Fall Concert (SHS Lecture Hall)	October 15, 2019
Christmas Concert (SHS Auditorium)	December 19, 2019
UIL Concert & Sightreading (PSJA SW HS)	March 3-5, 2020
Region Choir Auditions (De Leon MS, McAllen)	April 18, 2020
End-of-Year Concert (SHS Auditorium)	April 28, 2020
Region Choir Clinic/Concert (McAllen HS)	May 2, 2020

The Star-Spangled Banner

The Star-Spangled Banner

1. O say, can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light, What so
2. O thus be it ev - er, when free men shall stand Be -

proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing, Whose broad
tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion! Blest with

stripes and bright stars, thro' the per - il - ous fight, O'er the ram - parts we
vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res - cued land Praise the Pow'r that hath

watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs
made and pre - served us a na - tion! Then con - quer we must, when our

burst - ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still
cause it is just; And this be our mot - to: "In God is our

there. O say, does that star span - gled ban - ner yet wave
trust!" And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Sharyland High School Alma Mater

♩ = 80 **Yoder / Andrews**

Soprano
We al - ways will re - mem - ber, and — sing our praise to you, all

Alto
We al -- ways will re mem - ber, and sing our praise to you, all

Tenor
We al -- ways will re mem - ber, and sing our praise to you, all

Bass

5
S hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with — hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners
A hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners
T hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners
B

10
S proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the
A proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the
T proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the
B

15
S pride of Sha - ry land.
A pride of Sha - ry land.
T pride of Sha - ry land.
B

Signed Choir Contract – Due Friday Sept. 6, 2019

Membership in the BL Gray Choir Department offers many valuable and personal learning experiences. Therefore, it requires that each student accept a large amount of responsibility.

I hereby agree to uphold my responsibility as a member of the BL Gray Junior High School Choir Department by following the rules and guidelines of this organization.

- I will arrive at rehearsal on time with my music, a pencil, and a good attitude. Gum chewing will NOT be allowed at any time in the choral music building while I am supposed to be rehearsing.
- I will be responsible for keeping all dates, as given to me by the directors open and clear of other responsibilities, unless I have already discussed **in advance** an absence with my director and filled out and handed Mr. Watkins a “Pink Form.”
- I will attend all scheduled performances, rehearsals and sectionals unless excused in advance by my director. I understand that I will always be given at least one week advanced notice before any required activity, and that most rehearsals and performances will be announced far in advance. Therefore, it is understood that jobs and work are not acceptable excuses.
- I understand that my grade in choir will be determined by the following:
 - Daily participation (attitude, cooperation, attentiveness, alertness, punctuality, and preparedness).
 - Attendance at sectionals, special rehearsals, and performances.
 - Behavior during rehearsals, concerts, special trips and activities.
 - Tests and music assignments.
- I will assume responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility in order to participate in the extra-curricular activities. (Note: The scheduled concerts are “co-curricular” and do not require eligibility.)
- I accept that on the first violation of any of the above guidelines notification to this effect may be sent to my parents, and that any subsequent violation may be grounds for my dismissal.

Student/Parent Handbook Contract

I, _____ (print name) _____ (period), have received the BL Gray Junior High School Choir Department *Handbook, Contract, and Calendar*, and I understand the responsibilities therein.

Please check one of the following before signing the contract concerning our BL Gray Junior High School Choir web page: **www.sharylandchoir.com**:

____ Please feel free to use my/my student's photo on the BL Gray Junior High School Choir web page.
(I understand that no last names will be used to identify any student).

____ Please use my/my student's photo in large group photos only on the choir web page.

____ Please do not use any photo of me/my student on the choir web page.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Parent Volunteer Form

Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent's phone number that can receive texts: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Student's Name: _____ Choir Period: _____

Please place a check (✓) by the events you can help with!

_____ 1. Chaperone: (Please check which ones you may be available for)

_____ UIL Concert & Sightreading (PSJA SW HS) March 3-5, 2020

_____ Region Choir Auditions (De Leon MS, McAllen) April 18, 2020

_____ Region Choir Clinic/Concert (McAllen HS) May 2, 2020

_____ **2. Prepare cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. (various times throughout the year – must be cleared with front office before bringing)**

_____ **3. With some advance notice, I am willing to do whatever needs to be done!**

2019-2020 BL Gray RATTLER CHOIR

TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

I give my son/daughter (a choir member) permission to travel on Sharyland ISD school buses and/or charter buses to and from concerts, contests and other choir activities during the 2019-2020 school year. I expect that all drivers will be certified personnel.

Should an emergency arise, I give permission for Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Carranza, or any other school administrator/sponsor to authorize emergency room treatment until I can be contacted by emergency personnel.

STUDENT NAME: _____ S.S.#: XXX-XX-_____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

PARENT(S) NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE/S: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

RELATIVE TO CONTACT IN EMERGENCY:

RELATIVE'S PHONE: _____

REGULAR PHYSICIAN:

PHYSICIAN'S PHONE: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER:

PLEASE LIST ANY ALLERGIES THAT YOUR CHILD HAS AND/OR ANY MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED:

Parent Signature		Date