

Lahainaluna High School Choir
Handbook

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Aloha!

Welcome back to a new year here at Lahainaluna. I hope everyone's summer was an enjoyable one. Now that the days of sleeping late, waking up late, going to the beach, or (for some of us) working long hours are over, we start a new year hopefully ready and eager to learn and grow.

The purpose of this handbook is to help you and your parents or guardians understand what being in the Lahainaluna Choir is all about. Contained in this handbook are things such as supplies, rehearsals and uniform. Please keep this handy as it will be beneficial to you in the future.

I am looking forward to working with you students and parents. Have a great year!

Mahalo,

Myron K. M. Carlos
Choir Director

Supplies

Folder (to keep music), pencil (no pens!), eraser, folder paper

Concert Choir

The Concert Choir is for students who wish to learn and/or enhance the basic fundamentals of singing. Students will learn to sing by themselves and with others in various singing styles and languages. Also covered will be basic music theory, sight singing and performance etiquette. Afterschool and out-of-school rehearsals may be a part of the curriculum.

Grading

Performances	45%
Attendance/Aptitude	20%
Singing Tests	15%
Rehearsal/Sectional	10%
Assignments	10%

Performances

Throughout the year, the student will be involved in several performances. The performance is to showcase what they have learned and worked on during class and afterschool rehearsals. It is a culmination of what they have learned, much like a final. Students may be removed from a performance based on any of the grading criteria resulting in a "0" (zero) for this portion of the student's grade.

Attendance/Aptitude

This portion entails individual student attitude and performance in class. This includes how hard and how well a student does in class. Frequent tardies forgetting class supplies will effect this portion of the student's grade.

Singing Tests

Singing tests are administered to assure that the student is practicing and improving. We cannot help the student unless he/she helps himself/herself first. Testing criteria and procedures vary depending on content being tested on.

Rehearsal/Sectional

Students are required to attend scheduled afterschool/out-of-school rehearsals and sectionals. Rehearsals are done when the choir is in full attendance. Sectionals are done with select groups of the choir by the director. Rehearsals/Sectionals begin roughly 2 weeks to a month before any major concert. A schedule will be provided within an adequate time for the student to arrange drop off and pick up times and for their work schedule should they have a job or for. Student-runned sectionals does not fall under this criteria however, repeated absences will be recorded and parents will be notified.

Assignments

This includes any worksheets, forms or notices that the student brings home to work on. This includes written assignments, permission forms, fundraisers, etc.

Dress Policy for Performances

*subject to change with notice

Ladies option 1: black dress (skirt not to expose more than 3" above the knee), slit not to extend past mid thigh, mid area not showing); black heels; stockings are optional (natural or black colors only); No obscene, bawdy or unnecessary jewelry or accessories

Ladies option 2: black button down dress shirt (no polo shirts); black skirt (skirt not to expose more than 3" above the knee); mid area not showing; black heels; stockings are optional (natural or black colors only); No obscene, bawdy or unnecessary jewelry or accessories

Ladies option 3: black button down dress shirt (no polo shirts); black slacks; black heels; stockings are optional (natural or black colors only); No obscene, bawdy or unnecessary jewelry or accessories

Ladies option 4: black button down dress shirt (no polo shirts); black slacks; black dress shoes; black socks; No obscene, bawdy or unnecessary jewelry or accessories

Men: black button down dress shirt (no polo shirts); black slacks; black dress shoes; black socks; No obscene, bawdy or unnecessary jewelry or accessories

Absence and Tardy

At no time is the State of Hawaii, the Department of Education, Lahainaluna High School, Lahainaluna High School Music Program, the Lahainaluna Band or any of the mentioned's affiliates responsible for a student who is in transit to and/or from an event or not in attendance. Absences and tardies *during school/class time* will be dealt with according to the school policy on attendance (see student planner for attendance policy).

Rehearsals

If a student is either (1) absent, (2) tardy to or (3) leaves early from a rehearsal/sectional without proper clearance from the Director more than once, they will be removed from the performance resulting in a "0" (zero) for that portion of their grade.

To prevent a student from being removed from a performance due to their attendance a parent/guardian must inform the director in writing as early as possible (phone call or e-mail for unforeseen, sudden instances). Acceptable reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Further information may also be requested (i.e. trip itinerary, doctor's note).

Performances

If a student is unable to attend a performance, he/she must inform the director no later than two weeks in writing with a parent/guardian signature before the scheduled performance. To make up for an acceptable missed performance, the student must make it up with a written

assignment. Acceptable absent and tardy excuses for performances are 1) hospitalization and 2) a death in the family. A copy of an official document is needed in order to still get credit. Trips, doctor appointments, outings, or anything of the sort is unacceptable and should be scheduled accordingly to the best of your ability to not conflict with education. If there are some things already in conflict feel free to discuss it with the director.

Music Booster Club

The Lahainaluna High School Music Booster Club has been formed to assist the Lahainaluna High School Music Department, particularly the performance ensembles (Band, Choir and Marching/Pep Band) in the activities it partakes in. Meetings are usually once every month. If you are interested in being an officer or a member of the Lahainaluna High School Music Booster Club, please let the Director know.

Classroom Rules

- Come prepared.
- No food, drink, gum chewing allowed. Water in a resealable, spill-proof container is allowed.
- Raise your hand if you wish to speak, otherwise, remain quiet.
- Put things back where you got them from before leaving the room.
- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the room clean.
- Ask before going to the restroom. Please try to use it either before school, during recess or lunch. More than 5 minutes is considered a class cut.
- Use the restroom appropriately or it will be locked indefinitely for all periods.
- Class starts promptly so be here before the bell rings.
- Cell phones and pagers are off--not on vibrate or silent. They are OFF.
- No games of any sort allowed during class time.
- Don't touch equipment that is not yours.
- No spitting on the floor.
- Practice rooms are for practicing only.
- The Band Room is open during non-class times for practicing, homework or office work to current music students only.
- All school rules apply.

An infraction of the rules will result in one hour detention afterschool of that day. An hour will be added per each day missed (including weekends). Detention must be cleared through Mr. Carlos. Any contraband items will be confiscated and redeemable by a legal parent or guardian of the respective student. At the end of the quarter, outstanding hours will still be counted and will be sent to school administration and non-redeemed items will be disposed of. Damaged property due to negligence will be reimbursed by the party responsible. Should the responsible party not take responsibility, all students in the class at designated time will be held responsible. Administration may also be contacted. These rules are non-negotiable.

Expectations

All students are expected to:

- treat everyone including themselves with appropriate respect
- be ready to learn: both mentally, emotionally and physically (have all supplies—including music)
- be responsible for their own actions as well as the consequences
- answer all questions honestly and promptly
- adhere to all classroom and school rules set forth
- learn how to read music
- PRACTICE
- ask for help as soon as possible—not as soon as convenient
- be prompt
- be aware of all assignments and/or activities
- keep their parents/guardians well informed
- exercise self control
- exercise professionalism
- be a positive contributing member to the group
- try harder

All information within the Handbook subject to change with notice.

Please return this portion to the instructor

My child, _____ has shown me the Choir Handbook and we've
print student' name

discussed it together and adhere to the terms listed herein.

Parent/Guardian Signature

date

Student Signature

date