

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I don't have any vocal training. Can I still be in choir?

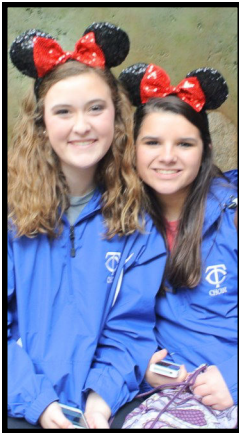
Yes! Choir is a place for you to learn how to use your voice to your best ability. We welcome anyone who has an interest in singing to be a part of the TCHS Choral Department. All you have to do is sign up.

I play a sport. Won't choir conflict with practice and games?

No. All beginning level choir classes meet during school and we have VERY FEW mandatory concerts and events after school hours. Many of the members of the choral department also participate in football, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, band, dance line, color guard, theatre, and nearly every other organization on the TCHS campus. If you are interested in participating in choir, sign up and we will find a way to work it out.

What will we do in choir class? Will I have to sing by myself?

A typical day in choir consists of a time of vocal warm up followed by rehearsal of several pieces of music. In choir, we sing music of all different styles, so there is sure to be something that you like. We also study music theory and the basics of reading music as well as the basics of playing the piano. It is a very positive, relaxed atmosphere. You will never be put on the spot and asked to sing alone, unless you want to.



Carly Phillips and Kelsee Beck get ready to perform at Disney World

Don't you have to pay a lot of money to be in choir?

No. The only required fee is the uniform rental fee, which is generally less than \$100 per year. We do several fundraisers each year to give each student the opportunity to pay this fee. Choir is a great deal compared to many of the other activities at TCHS that cost much, much more and don't last all year.



Men's Choir sings "When I Was Your Man" at the Showcase Concert

NEED MORE INFO?

Contact the director, Ginny Coleman:



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OR

Check out our website:
www.tchschoral.com



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Tuscaloosa County High School



Choral Department

CHORAL DEPARTMENT FACTS

- The TCHS Choral Department is the largest organization on the campus of TCHS. The 200+ students who make up the choral department are members of one of **four choirs**: Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Concert Choir, or Mixed Choir. In addition to these choirs, students can choose to participate in Show Choir and other small ensembles, like our all Male Ensemble - TC Soul.
- The choral department presents **four concerts** a year and participates in regional and state group and solo competitions.
- The choral department also goes on **spring tour** each year. Most recently, we have traveled to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Washington D.C. and Disney World.
- All choir classes fulfill the Alabama High School Graduation **Fine Arts requirement**.
- Students who wish to be a member of the choral department should sign up by choosing **Men's Chorus I or Women's Chorus I** on their course selection card and contact the director for audition information.



Demetrius Poellnitz performs with TC Soul

HOW TO JOIN

- Sign up for Men's/Women's Chorus I on your course selection card.
- Listen to your school announcements for an audition date.
- Missed the audition? Contact the director.



Sophomore girls perform "Stay With Me" at the Bama Theatre

STUDENT TESTAMONIALS

What do students say about being a part of the TCHS Choral Department?

"I have been in choir ever since I started County High as a freshman and I can honestly say it has always been my favorite class. The ability to see yourself progress to the next level and know you worked hard to get that spot makes all the theory lessons and practice worth it. I have met some of my best friends through choir and it truly feels like a second family. Mrs. Coleman is an awesome teacher and you know she truly cares about each and every student. I would recommend that anyone take choir if you're looking for a great high school experience."

-Jakeah Phifer



Combined Choirs sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at the Christmas Concert

"Choir introduces you to new people and you'll make friends. It challenges you and you'll actually learn something. I look forward to going to choir; it's a lot more fun than a regular class. As a freshman, choir will give you a niche to fit into."

-Lauren L'Etang

"Choir has provided me with an opportunity to do what I love during the school day. It is so refreshing to have a break for testing and core classes and learn about music. There are no words to describe the relationships made among my choir family and I will be forever thankful. If you love to sing and are willing to work hard, you should take advantage of the amazing choir department offered at TCHS."

-Jamie Hoven



TCHS Choir members sing the National Anthem at an Atlanta Braves Game

"Choir has been a life-changing experience for me. I entered the program my junior year, and my only regret is that I didn't join sooner. I have made numerous friends that I would have never made outside of choir, and I have developed my voice far beyond what I could have imagined. Because of choir, I have become more sociable and confident, and I would not change this amazing adventure for anything."

-Collin Horton



GiGi Webber, Jaydah Williams, and Gracie Avery perform at the Showcase Concert

Check out our website: www.tchschoral.com