



Dear Parents:

August 2023

The Carl Schurz Choir will soon begin rehearsals for the 2023-2024 school year. Choir is the perfect place for students to practice cooperation as they develop their musical, physical and mental skills. It is important that every voice be heard, so every child must audition to be part of the choir.

**All 4th and 5th graders who attend the audition will be welcomed to join.**

### ***Auditions - Mandatory for participation***

Tuesday, August 30 **OR** Wednesday, August 31 from 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. in the music room. You choose which day works best for you! Mrs. Bain will have everyone sing a song together while she organizes them and listens to their voices together. If you do not attend the auditions, you will not be able to participate in choir.

### ***When does the Choir meet?***

Choir will meet Wednesdays after school from 3:25 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal will be in the music room. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 6. If you are not at the first rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in choir.

### ***Attendance Policy***

#### **Absences:**

Please notify Mrs. Bain in writing if your child has to miss a rehearsal. Because of the limited number of rehearsals in this semester, students are only allowed **two unexcused absences**. **A 3rd absence will result in a removal from the group.**

#### **Tardy pickup:**

All students must be picked up by a parent or guardian by 4:30 p.m. **Students picked up after 4:45 p.m. more than twice will result in a removal from the group.**

*Please Note\* Due to the large number of students participating in choir, younger brothers or sisters will not be able to attend choir rehearsals, nor may they wait for their older siblings in the cafeteria.*

### ***Performances***

Parents will receive advance written notice of all performances. Please notify Mrs. Bain in writing if a schedule conflict should arise.

#### **Scheduled performances:**

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

## ***Uniform***

The Choir uniform is a blue shirt with the Music logo, which will be worn with dark pants for all performances. If you own a shirt from last year, you do not need to buy another one.

## ***Communication***

Communication about choir rehearsal, performances, and any other information will be done in the following ways:

- **Paper:** Information will occasionally be sent home from rehearsal on a flyer or letter.
- **Email/ParentSquare:** If you have an email address, there is a place to provide it in the contract below. Reminders and updates will be sent via email or ParentSquare.
- **Website:** The Carl Schurz Music website is [www.carlschurzmusic.weebly.com](http://www.carlschurzmusic.weebly.com)

## **CHOIR MEMBER EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Choir members are expected to attend all rehearsals and notify Mrs. Bain in writing if they have to miss for a reason. Those who fail to attend rehearsals regularly will not be allowed to participate in choir performances, and three absences/tardy pickups may lead to removal from the program.
2. Inappropriate behavior in or out of the classroom will not be tolerated. Choir members are expected to display a high level of citizenship in their academic classroom and at rehearsals. Any students that have difficulty meeting these expectations will receive a parent communication. Continued inappropriate behavior during rehearsal or in their academic classroom will result in dismissal from the group.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Bain at 627-6216 or [lbain@nbisd.org](mailto:lbain@nbisd.org).

Sincerely,

Lauren Bain  
Carl Schurz Music Teacher & Choir Director

# CARL SCHURZ CHOIR CONTRACT

**ALL CHOIR STUDENTS NEED TO RETURN THIS CONTRACT BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.**

Future Choir Student, please review all expectations listed below with your parent/guardian and initial beside.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will demonstrate respect and self-control during rehearsal and performances. This includes following directions the first time I am asked, controlling my talking, maintaining a positive attitude, and being respectful toward Mrs. Bain, other students, and chaperones.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend all rehearsals and performances. If I am going to be absent, I will ask my parent or guardian to write Mrs. Bain a note, email, or ParentSquare, or call the front office to let her know.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will represent Carl Schurz Elementary to the highest standard during the school day by always doing my best work, being respectful to others, and following the school rules.

\_\_\_\_\_ I recognize that if I fail to follow these guidelines above, I will no longer be able to participate in field trips, concerts, or choir rehearsals and will be dismissed from choir.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

My child and I understand the requirements of choir membership. He/she realizes the importance of attendance and knows that 3 unexcused absences will result in dismissal from choir. More importantly, I understand that my child must be picked up from the school on Wednesday afternoon no later than 4:30 p.m. or they will be removed from the group after 2 tardies. Also, my child has permission to be photographed and video-taped at Choir performances and events for school-wide publications and the NBISD website.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell #

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Email address

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick my child up at 4:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will walk home after choir rehearsals.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be picked up by someone other than a parent.

The following people have permission to leave with my child:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #