

The Music Center

Battle Creek Girls Chorus Information

Levels of Girls Chorus:

Treble Ensemble

(Meets Tuesday and Friday 4:30-5:30)

- Typically the first year for all girls.
- First semester focuses on learning good singing practices & reading music notation (note rhythm & pitch).
- The second semester of the first year continues building skills, such as the singing voice and growth as an ensemble, as well as adding more difficult music theory knowledge such as key signatures & rhythm reading.

Concert Choir

(Meets Tuesday 4:30-6:30, Thursday 6:00-8:00)

- Upon successful completion of the Treble Ensemble singers move into the Concert Choir. Less time is spent on music theory and more focus is on musical performances. Performances include local Music Center Concert Series, hired local performances, and an out of state tour.

Select Ensemble

(Meets Monday 6:00-8:00, Thursday 4:30-6:30)

- By audition, demonstrating maturity, dependability, and high musical ability, members of this smaller ensemble maintain a similar schedule as the Concert Choir with additional performances locally and regionally.

Octavio

(Meets Monday)

- An eight member auditioned group from within Select. Musically intense, focusing on a cappella music with a heavier performance schedule.

Bits of Information

- We follow the Calhoun County school calendars, starting our rehearsal semester shortly after school starts in fall and ending shortly after school dismisses in spring. Exception to the ending dates would be for the performing ensembles that generally tour within the first three weeks of June. We take breaks in December (weekend before Christmas to the weekend following New Years) & in April (Spring Break). Occasionally we will still have rehearsal when school is not in session, such as School In-services.
- Girls Chorus wardrobe (Black Dress or Blue Uniform) is provided. We do ask families to provide appropriate shoes, hosiery, and occasionally a white blouse to accompany the blue uniform, and to purchase a Girls Chorus polo for casual performances.

- Tuition is broken down by monthly payments over a period of 9 months. For Treble Ensemble, tuition is \$60 per month. For Concert Choir and Select Ensemble, tuition is \$80 per month. There is an option of attending one day per week for the Concert or Select ensembles. The tuition for one day per week is \$70 per month. You may receive discounts at time of registration. Please ask the registrar for more information.
- Scholarship information:

Boychoir & Girls Chorus Sliding Scale

Income**					
#*	< \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$29,000	\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$60,000	
1	20%	15%	10%	5%	
2	40%	30%	20%	10%	
3	60%	45%	30%	15%	
4	80%	60%	40%	20%	
>=5	95%	75%	50%	25%	

*number of deductions claimed on federal tax return

**adjusted gross income on front page of most recent tax return or other accepted sources.

The Music Center Who's Who

- **Girls Chorus Musicians:**
 - Meredith Bowen- Girls Chorus Music Director
 - Mark Wells-Music Accompanist
- **Music Center Office:**
 - Elinor Marsh - Executive Director
 - Anne Harrigan - Artistic Director
 - Carol Adler - Registrar
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 - Karla Green - Box Office Manager
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