

# OAK MOUNTAIN CHOIRS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **Can I participate in sports, band, dance, majorettes, colorguard, etc. AND choir?**

Yes, absolutely! Many students successfully participate in sports, band, dance, majorettes, colorguard, and other activities along with choir. We encourage students to be involved in multiple programs because it helps you grow as a performer, teammate, and leader. With good communication and time management, it's definitely possible to balance choir with your other passions—and we're always willing to work with you and your coaches or sponsors to make it happen!

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## **Can I take AP/dual enrollment classes AND participate in choir?**

Yes, you can! Many of our students take AP and dual enrollment classes while participating in choir. We fully support academic excellence and encourage you to challenge yourself. With good planning and communication, it's absolutely possible to balance advanced coursework and choir—we'll work with you to make sure you can succeed in both!

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## **Will I get a PE credit if I'm in choir?**

Yes! Show choir and concert choir classes can count toward a PE credit because of the physical activity involved, like choreography, movement, and rehearsals.

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## **Is there a fee to participate in choir?**

Yes, there is a participation fee for either show choir and crew. Fees cover items like costumes, music, competition fees, travel, and other related expenses. Fee amounts are notated in audition packets

However, we offer fee-raising opportunities and payment plans to help offset these costs. It's important to communicate with your choir director or school administration to understand the specific fees and available support options.

Participating in choir is a valuable experience, and we always strive to make it accessible to all interested students.

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## **Can I still take 2 years of foreign language and choir?**

Yes, you can! Many students successfully take two years of foreign language while participating in choir. Both are important parts of a well-rounded education and can fit into your schedule with good planning. Your counselor can help you map out your classes so you can enjoy both opportunities!

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## **I am an upperclassman, is it too late for me to join choir?**

No, it's not too late at all! We welcome upperclassmen into the choir program with open arms. Whether you've sung before or are trying something new, there's a place for you here. Choir is about building community, growing as a musician, and making memories—and it's never too late to be part of that!

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## **Can I have a job and participate in choir?**

Yes, you can! Many choir students successfully balance part-time jobs with their choir commitments. It takes good communication and time management, but it's definitely possible. We're flexible and understanding—if you stay organized and let us know your schedule, you can absolutely do both!

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## **Can I participate in competitive dance AND choir?**

Yes, absolutely! Many students participate in both competitive dance and choir. With good time management and communication, it's very possible to balance both commitments. We understand busy schedules and will work with you to make sure you can succeed and enjoy both activities!

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## **How much is the time commitment for show choir?**

The time commitment for show choir includes regular Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals starting in October, along with 3–4 intensive rehearsal weekends throughout the year to perfect performances. Competition season typically runs through February and into a weekend in March. To help families plan ahead, the full calendar is provided in August, giving plenty of time to organize schedules and make necessary arrangements for a successful and exciting year.

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## **Will I be able to participate in choir all four years of high school AND complete all of my other required courses?**

Yes, absolutely! With good planning, you can participate in choir all four years of high school while completing all of your required courses. Many students successfully balance choir with their academic requirements, including core classes, foreign language, and electives. Any of the choir directors are happy to help you create a schedule that allows you to enjoy choir throughout high school without missing any graduation requirements!