

Bellaire High School

Voice Lesson Application and Enrollment Form

The voice is an instrument and as such it is important that each individual avail themselves of the opportunity to learn how to use their instrument. While each Choir class will devote time to vocal development, it is highly recommended that singers study privately either through the BHS Private Lesson Program or with other teachers in Houston.

The object of the voice lesson is for students to learn good vocal technique and how their individual voice functions. Students will build a repertoire that includes art songs, arias, and some musical theater or vocal jazz. Students will also study the All-State Choir repertoire, prepare for UIL Solo & Ensemble, and explore various composers and styles appropriate for the individual. In order for students to be successful, it is crucial that they practice between lessons.

All voice teachers who teach on campus are contracted by BHS Choir. Students pay the BHS Choral Department directly. The fee is \$20.00 per half hour.

- Lessons are paid for in advance monthly and payment is due at the 1st of the month (\$60.00 per month = 3 lessons per month).

Each teacher will provide the students of the requirements of their studio regarding learning and preparation of music. The BHS voice teachers will teach in the Choir Practice Rooms. **All voice lesson payments will be logged on CUT TIME.**

Students desiring private lessons instruction must complete a student application for enrollment, available from the choir director, and return it to the choir director. **A one-month deposit will be required** which shall be given to the choir director before the first lesson is given. (4 lessons = \$80 deposit; 3 lessons = \$60 deposit; 2 lessons = \$40 deposit)

Lessons will be taught during the school day while in choir. Students will be assigned lesson days by the voice instructor. It is the student's responsibility to check the voice lesson schedule and plan accordingly. Some students may choose to take lessons after school, during lunch or during an off period. Please communicate schedules to voice teacher.

- It is important that the student/parent obtain all contact information from the instructor (phone, email, etc.) in the event a lesson must be missed.
 - **Unexcused absences from voices lessons will be charged the full lesson price.**
 - 24-hour notice of absences is required. Notification must be made to the voice lesson teacher not choir director. If less than 24-hour notice is given the student will be charged full price for the lesson.
 - Lessons will be rescheduled at the discretion of the voice teacher.
 - No refunds can be made for missed or unused voice lessons.
 - *Voice teachers reserve the right to discontinue lessons at any time at their discretion.*

If fees have not been paid by the second lesson of the month, the remaining lessons for that month *may* be forfeited, but payment for the entire month is still due. Students who continually pay late may become ineligible for private lessons and replaced with someone on the waiting list.

Enrollment in the voice lesson program is intended to be **a full-year commitment** by both parent (finances) and student (practice time). If a student absolutely must discontinue lessons, they must discuss it with their voice teacher and give a two-week notice to their voice teacher. *Completion of an application to participate in the private voice lesson program confirms an understanding of, and agreement with, the guidelines.* If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your student's private voice teacher or choir director.

Bellaire High School Choir

Private Voice Lessons Program ~ Student Application for Enrollment

APPLICATION DUE **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23** ~ *(One month of lessons Deposit Required)*

Student Name: _____

Class Period: _____

Grade: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student Cell: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent E-Mail: _____

By signing this application, you are acknowledging you have read the voice lesson application and enrollment information.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

CIRCLE ONE!

I prefer 2 lessons a month.

I prefer 3 lessons a month.

I prefer 4 lessons a month.

Tuition Fees are \$20 per LESSON.

Make Checks payable to: BELLAIRE CHOIR

Deposits will be paid to choir director for the first three lessons.

Lessons are PAID IN ADVANCE monthly. Lesson payments are due to the directors by the 1st of each month.

Do you have a Free Period? (circle) Yes No If yes please list which period(s) _____

Student has been assigned to: _____

Signature of Voice Teacher: _____

Signature of Director: _____