

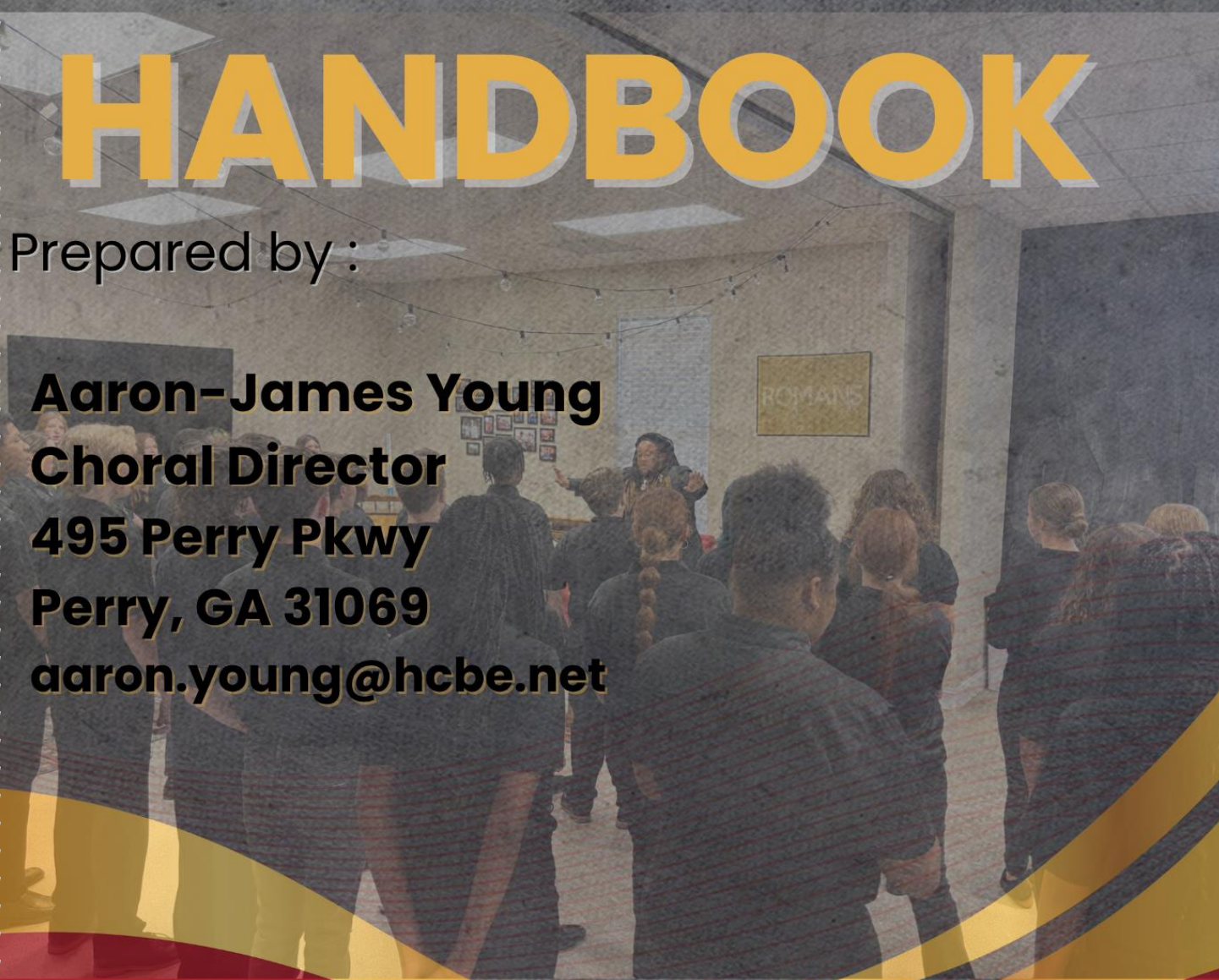


PERRY MIDDLE CHORUS 2025-26

HANDBOOK

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Greetings Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 Perry Middle School Chorus! I'm so glad you're here. Whether this is your first time singing in a choir or you've been doing this for a while, you're now part of something special and I can't wait for us to grow and make music together.

This year, our biggest goals are simple: Have fun. Learn a lot. Sing with confidence. We'll explore the basics of music, discover what makes a chorus really shine, and build a community where everyone's voice matters.

This handbook is your go-to guide. Inside, you'll find everything you need to know, how things work, what's expected, and how to get the most out of your time in chorus. Keep it close!

It'll answer most questions that pop up during the year. If you or your family ever need anything, I'm just a message away. Feel free message me through the school app or send me an email at aaron.young@hcbe.net.

Let's make this our best year yet full of music, laughter, and memories!

**With excitement,
Mr. Young, Choral Director
Perry Middle School**

Class Description

In chorus, we grow together as a team while building important life skills like commitment, respect, discipline, and dependability. We'll learn the basics of music theory and apply them to create a strong, unified choral sound. Along the way, we'll explore music from a wide range of styles, cultures, languages, and backgrounds including both secular and sacred works. Most importantly, we'll work toward becoming the best ensemble we can be together.

Classroom Expectations (Non-Negotiables)

1. *Be Respectful – Speak kindly, listen actively, and support one another.*
2. *Be Responsible – Follow directions, stay in your seat, and come prepared.*
3. *Be Self-Driven – Give your best effort, stay focused, and participate fully.*
4. *Be Performance Ready – No gum, food, or distractions—keep your voice and space clear to sing your best.*

Daily Chorus Vibes

Follow these simple habits every day to keep us on track and sounding great.

- **Enter with Purpose:** Come in calmly and get ready to rehearse.
- **Bring What You Need:** Music & Sight-Reading Folder, Sharpened pencil, and Positive attitude
- **Go to Your Spot:** Sit in your assigned seat unless told otherwise.
- **Save the Talking:** Stay focused—your voice is what matters most!
- **Sing Every Time:** This is a singing class. Everyone participates, every day!

Discipline Policy

To keep our classroom focused, respectful, and performance-ready, we follow these steps when expectations aren't met:

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| 1. Friendly reminder (nonverbal, written, or verbal) | 4. Choral probation (may result in missing a performance, trip, or activity) |
| 2. Behavior reflection (quick written response or conversation) | 5. Office referral if behavior continues or is severe |
| 3. Parent contact and/or Spotlight referral | |

We may adjust steps based on the situation.

Trips and Off Campus Performances

Chorus trips are performance-based learning experiences beyond the classroom. Participation is a privilege, not a guarantee. Students with behavior issues or failing grades may be removed from a trip or performance. All school rules apply, and consequences are handled by the Choral Director and/or school administration.

Attendance Policy

Performances, Practices, and After-School Rehearsals

1. Concerts are a required part of chorus. Missing a performance is strongly discouraged.
2. All concerts and dress rehearsals are mandatory.
3. After-school rehearsals will only be scheduled if class goals aren't met.
4. Excused absences are only allowed for emergencies or with prior written approval.
5. Excused reasons include:
 - Personal illness (with a parent note)
 - Death in the family
 - Approved written excuse (submitted before the event)
6. **Missed performances must be made up** with an assignment due within 7 days, posted on Canvas under "Missed Work."
7. If an emergency arises, contact Mr. Young via school phone, email, or school app *before* the concert.
8. For scheduling conflicts with other school activities:
 - Avoid conflicts when possible—check the chorus calendar regularly.
 - Games/performances take priority over practices/rehearsals, with advance notice.
 - Let the director and coach communicate directly to resolve conflicts.

Performance and rehearsal dates will be shared well in advance, typically one month before performances and two weeks before rehearsals. A full calendar is included in this handbook.

Chorus Grading Policy

Grade Category	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Major	40%	40%	40%
Minor	30%	30%	30%
Daily	25%	20%	15%
Final	5%	10%	15%

- Major
 - Performances
 - Sight-Reading Test
 - Singing Test
- Minor
 - Knowledge Quizzes
 - Dress Rehearsals
- Daily
 - Having Materials
 - Written Assignments
 - Participation
- Final
 - Winter and Spring Concerts
- **If a student misses a concert or rehearsal, they must complete an alternative assignment to receive a grade. Make-up assignments will only be given if the absence is excused with a written note, email, or phone call from a parent or legal guardian.**
- Major performances and rehearsal will include:

1. Winter Concert Dress Rehearsals
2. Winter Concert
3. Pre-LGPE Concert
4. Large Group Performance Evaluation
5. Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal
6. Spring Concert

Chorus Supplies

Students will be supplied with music folders. If the folders are damaged or lost, the student is responsible for replacing the binder as soon as possible.

Students also need to have a **PENCIL EVERYDAY!!**

Other Classroom needs:

- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Disinfecting wipes
- Bottled waters
- Paper towels

Performance Attire

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

Formal Performance Attire

6th Grade:

- Perry MS Chorus Polo (Gold)
- Solid **Black** long pants or shirts below the knee (NO capris, shorts, sweatpants or jeans)
- Black belt (recommended)
- Black shoes (recommended)

7th and 8th Grade:

- Perry MS Chorus Polo (Marron or Black)
- Solid **Black** long pants (NO capris, shorts, sweatpants or jeans)
- Black belt (recommended)
- Black shoes (recommended)

Informal Performance Attire for all

- Chorus Polo/T-Shirt and **BLUE** jeans (School appropriate)

*(Students who are not in the proper uniform will not be allowed to perform with the group.
This will count as an unexcused absence from the performance.*

Get Involved: Parents & Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to keeping our chorus program strong; it helps cover music, trips, equipment, and more. We need every family to participate so we can give our students the best experience possible. Parents, your support is just as important! Whether it's chaperoning trips, helping at events, or joining fundraisers, there are many ways to get involved. If you need to update your background check, please reach out. Together, we can make this an amazing year!

PMS Chorus Calendar of Events

(Events are subject to change and may be added. Prior notice will be given immediately in such cases.)

September

- **16th** All State Chorus Registration
Deadline (online)

October

- **14th** Sixth Grade Statewide and District Honor Choir Registration
Deadline (online)
- **15th** Bass Tenor Workshop (Houston County High School) During School Trip (Guys Only)

November

- **8th** All State Regional Auditions
(Location: Perry Middle School)
7th/8th Graders
- **6th** Large Group Performance
Evaluation Registration Deadline
(online)
- **17th-18th** Sixth Grade District Honor
Choir (Monroe County Fine Arts
Center)

December

- **2nd** Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal
6th Grade (PMS Gym)
- **4th** Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal
7th and 8th Grade (PMS Gym)
- **9th** Choral Winter Concert (PMS
Gymnasium)

January

- **9th-10th** Sixth Grade Statewide
Honor Choir (Athens, GA) During
school
- **22nd-23rd** All-State 2nd Audition
(After and During School) Only
students making it to this round

January (continues)

- **22nd-23rd** District Honor Chorus 7th/
8th Grade (2nd Baptist Church-
Warner Robins) After and During
School
- **29th-31st** In-Service Conference
(Athens, GA) Teacher Only

February

- **19th-21st** All State Chorus Event
(Athens, GA) During School
- **26th** Pre-LGPE (Large Group
Performance Evaluation) Chorus
Concert- Perry High School
Auditorium

March

- **16th-17th** Chorus LGPE (During
School Trip)
- **26th-28th** Band/Chorus Spring Trip
8th Grade- (Universal Studios -
Orlando, FL)

April

- **17th** Perry Middle's Got Talent
Showcase (PMS Cafeteria)

May

- **5th** Spring Choral Concert Dress
Rehearsal 6th Grade (PMS Gym)
- **7th** Spring Choral Concert Dress
Rehearsal 7th and 8th Grade
(PMS Gym)
- **14th** Spring Choral Concert (PMS
Gym)

TBA

- Houston County Choral
Extravaganza (TBA) After School

(Events are subject to change and be added. Prior notices will be granted in such event immediately.)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Acknowledgement Form

Please complete all sections below. Do not leave any part blank.

_____ I've read the Chorus Handbook and understand that not following the guidelines may affect my grade or lead to removal from the program.

_____ I understand the Chorus Handbook is always available to me through the Perry Middle School website or QR code.

_____ I've read the Perry MS Chorus guidelines and understand what's expected. I know our success depends on teamwork between students, parents, and the director and I'm in!

_____ I have received a paper copy of the Perry Middle School Chorus calendar of events.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Shirt Size: (Circle student size)

These are the universal sizes, so they are men/boy sizes.

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Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Cell # () _____ - _____ Work # () _____ - _____ Student Height: _____ ft _____ in

Parent Email: _____

Please list any other extracurricular activities and sports that you are involved in or plan to apply:

Please list any factors (religion, beliefs, etc.) that may hinder participation in music selections or activities:

*Please sign this form and return it no later than **Friday, August 15, 2025.***

A virtual copy of this form is located on my teacher's website and QR code on your calendar of events for your convenience.