

Castle Choirs Audition Information

2025-26 school year

Concert Choir

- This is the only choral ensemble offered with an open enrollment process. All students with an interest in singing and performing are welcome to join. While no initial audition is required, students can be removed from the program at the director's discretion if they fail to demonstrate a positive work ethic and desire to improve daily.
- Concert choir involves one daily class period, three concerts, and one contest per year. Each concert requires one combined after-school rehearsal before. The only extra expense (outside of the \$20 per year choir class fee) is outfit purchase for girls and purchase/rental for boys, typically in the range of \$75-125, depending on the age and condition of the outfit.
- Students will study a variety of choral literature but will focus on the basic techniques of singing and reading music. Mainly standard and classic choral music will be rehearsed and performed.

Show Choirs

- Knightingales (girls' show choir) and Knight Sensations (mixed show choir) meet daily during the school day and perform at all choir concerts. Additionally, *numerous* activities outside the school day are required throughout the year as the groups are very involved in performances and activities around the community and state. In the fall, the groups will typically rehearse only when their show is being taught. During the holiday season, the groups are minimally active in performances and functions for various events around the community.
- During competition season (winter), the groups rehearse most weekdays and have some Saturday rehearsals as well. The main focus is on competitions, which occur in the Indianapolis area on Saturdays during the months of February and March. Overnight hotel stays and extensive traveling on weekends are required.
- Each student is responsible for a participation fee of *approximately* **\$1,800** as determined by the booster board which covers all expenses for the year (such as costumes, professional choreography and musical arrangements, hotel and bus travel, etc.) with the exception of personal costs. Numerous opportunities are afforded the students to participate in fundraising activities to raise part or all of their fair share, depending on how hard they want to work.
- Parents are expected to participate in monthly Booster Club meetings to be kept up to date on current activities and to be willing to help with various tasks in keeping the organization running. These meetings occur once per month year-round, including summer months.

SHOW CHOIR AUDITION TIMELINE

Vocal Audition Clinic (for students who do not have their own song or are new to auditioning) – Monday, March 17 / 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Dance Clinic – Tuesday, March 18 / 3:00 p.m.

Girls' Dance Clinic – Wednesday, March 19 / 3:00 p.m.

VOCAL AUDITIONS –

Wednesday, April 2 / 3:00 p.m.

DANCE AUDITIONS –

Thursday, April 3 / 3:00 p.m.

Audition results will be e-mailed to students by the end of the school day Monday, April 7.