

Taylor Road Middle School Chorus URL Handbook

Hello Chorus Families!

I am so excited to have all your students this year in chorus. I know virtual chorus is not exactly what we all had in mind, but we are going to make the best of it! I cannot wait to help your students grow, learn, and make music in new ways. It is going to be a great year!

For now, we are going to put our normal procedures for concerts, rehearsal, and uniforms on the back burner. Once we have more information about when concerts can safely happen again, I will share information about our TRMS chorus processes.

Even during URL, this year we have a lot to learn! Over the course of this year, we will address the individual singer by developing vocal skills, increasing knowledge of his/her own voice, and developing music literacy. In addition, we will address the choral ensemble by developing group cohesiveness, building choral skills and fostering pride in participation and teamwork with modifications for URL. Your students are going to learn so much even though we cannot physically sing together yet this year.

Below you will find information about virtual chorus procedures and our chorus fee for the year.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or issues! You can also follow along this year on our new [website](http://trmschorus.weebly.com) (trmschorus.weebly.com), on [Twitter](#) and on [Instagram](#). @TRMS_Chorus

All the best,
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Please [click here](#) and fill out this form to let me know you understand our URL Chorus Handbook. Please do so by [Friday, August 28](#).

Daily Class Participation Guidelines:

1. Be on time.
2. Please start the class with mics muted and cameras on.
3. Find a quiet place to login to chorus class. You want to be somewhere that you will be confident and comfortable to sing out loud.
4. Use the “raise your hand” button if you have a big question. I will call on you when I’m is done with my current thought.
5. Chat responsibly. You should not say something in the chat that you would not say out loud in class. Please only use the chat for small questions or when prompted to respond in the chat.
6. Be forgiving. We are all a team in chorus! I will make mistakes. You will make mistakes. Let’s promise to work together to make the most of this virtual class time!

URL Chorus Fee:

The chorus fee this year, as it is every year, is optional. I completely understand if your family cannot pay the chorus fee this year.

If you are able, you can pay the fee in OSP. Here is a [link](#). You can also access OSP through the TRMS website.

Here is a break down as to what the \$30 fee is covering in our virtual chorus world this year.

- \$3 - Tone Savvy subscription for one student (a new online program used to help teach music theory)
- \$7 - chorus t-shirt (we will pass these out in a drive-thru music pick up day in the next few weeks)
- \$12 – fee per student to create a virtual choir video (you will hear more about this in a few weeks)
- \$8 – fee to pay accompanist to create tracks to help us practice and perform virtually