

VOICE LESSON POLICY SHEET

LAKE HIGHLANDS AREA CHOIRS

2011-2012

Lessons will be taught once a week for 25 minutes, and will be conducted during the choir, lunch, or before/after school. Areas of concentration will include correct vocal support, breath control, tone color and quality, repertoire suited to voice type and capabilities, and sight-reading. We highly recommend private voice coaching for students who want to be involved in solos, auditions, All Region, pop groups, etc. It is a great way to help develop confidence and enhance the vocal techniques that we teach in choir.

Fees are set by the RISD at **\$17.00 per half-hour lesson**. **New procedure/policy:** The lessons will be paid in groups of four (\$68 per billing period), and will be paid before the month's lessons. At that time a payment card will be sent home reminding the student/parent of the amount due. Any untaught lessons that month will credit to the next month's balance. **Checks should be made payable directly to your voice teacher.** If payment is not received by the second lesson period, **no further lessons will be taught until payment is made, and a late fee may be assessed.** After any one returned check per student payment will be on a cash only basis.

We are lucky to have such excellent, professional voice instructors in our area. They depend on these voice lessons for a major part of their income. Please try to be aware of the due dates for payment on the bills that they send home! If a teacher has continuing problems getting a student's payments, the student's lessons will be stopped until payment is made.

The purchase of vocal literature will be minimal. The vocal libraries in the choral music departments are usually adequate to cover most of the year's music needs. At some points during the year (i.e., Solo and Ensemble, Espree auditions, recitals), a professional accompanist will be used. The student/parent will be expected to cover the cost of the accompanist.

Make-Up Lessons and Cancellations: Students or parents canceling lessons should call the vocal instructor before 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the lesson. Leaving a message at the school is not acceptable, as teachers may not always receive them in time. The student will be charged for the lesson in the instructor is not notified. There are no refunds and no rescheduling of no-shows. If the instructor is unable to make a scheduled lesson, the student will be notified. The lesson may then be rescheduled, or the fee for that lesson will be credited to next month's bill.

Current Teachers for 2011-2012

- Austin Engel--Area
- Melanie Moore—LHHS and LHFC only
- Meghan Mazur—Area
- Christopher Harrison--Area