

FAQs



THE INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS PROGRAM

Can anyone join the IMS Chorus? Yes, it is open to all interested students who enjoy music and want to become better singers.

How do you sign up for the IMS Chorus Program? 6th grade girls should sign up for Chorus I on their registration paperwork and 6th grade boys should sign up for Boys Chorus.

How many chorus classes do we have at IMS? We currently have 5 choirs in our chorus program.

What happens if I sign up for chorus but I don't get it on my schedule? Please email Ms. Leahy, our choral director during the first few days of school at carrie.leahy@palmbeachschools.org. We may be able to add chorus to your schedule if it does not interfere with your academic classes.

What kind of music do you sing in chorus? We sing all styles of music such as classical, multi-cultural, pop, musical theatre...etc.

Do I have to sing by myself in front of others? No, not unless you volunteer.

How many required performances do you have throughout the year? Our 6th Grade Girls Chorus has 3 mandatory performances and our Boys Chorus has 4 mandatory performances. Dates are given out a few months in advance.

Do you have lots of after-school practices for chorus? We may have an occasional after-school rehearsal before our Winter & Spring Concerts, but most of our rehearsals are during class time.

Why are the boys and girls separated into different class periods? Middle school can be challenging for boys going through vocal changes. Keeping the boys and girls separate creates a safe space to work on these vocal challenges together. We join each other for trips and concerts.

What kind of uniform do you wear? All of our chorus ensembles have a mandatory uniform that is rented out each year. Our \$50 uniform rental fee pays for each child's uniform rental, IMS chorus t-shirt and the cost of sheet music for the year. No other fees are required throughout the year unless your child wishes to join us in an optional field trip.

Do you go on trips? Yes! Field trips for 6th grade chorus students often include: District Chorus MPA/Competition, one musical per year at a professional theatre like the Kravis Center or Maltz Theatre, and an end of the year reward trip to Orlando.

Do you get to meet friends in chorus? Yes!!!!!! We currently have 220 students in our program. Being a member of our Independence Chorus Family is a great way to get involved in our school and meet others.

We hope you decide to join our IMS Chorus Program – See you in August!!!!