

KENNEDY SHOW CHOIR AUDITION PACKET

2024-25

Dear Show Choir Auditionee,

Thank you for your interest in show choir at Kennedy High School! We have an exciting and nationally award-winning tradition built at Kennedy. We are thrilled that you are choosing to become a part of it. Should you be selected, please realize the following expectations:

TIME COMMITMENT - Rhythm In Gold

Show choir is an activity that meets during the winter activity season. RIG will learn the choreography for their set the week before school begins in August. Our season officially starts the last week of October next fall. Between camp in August and the “official start” of our season in October, we’ll rehearse once a week (on Mondays), to keep our choreography fresh and begin learning our vocals. If you are in a fall sport/activity, that will take priority over these show choir rehearsals. Once our season starts, we will rehearse Mondays & Tuesdays from 3-5pm and Thursdays from 3-6pm. In addition, we have retreats in late August (choreography as mentioned earlier), November, December & January. Should you be selected for the group, **you will be given a schedule for the year at our mandatory show choir family meeting on Thursday, May 23rd.** In addition to these retreats, there will be after school/evening rehearsals the week of the Holiday Show and RIG Annual. We also have a few community performances throughout the course of the year as well!

TIME COMMITMENT - East Side Rhythm

ESR students will have a vocal retreat in late August, with a choreography retreat in October, before our season officially starts the last week of October. Once our season starts, we will rehearse Mondays & Tuesdays from 3-5pm. In addition, we have retreats in November, December & January. Should you be selected for the group, **you will be given a schedule for the year at our mandatory show choir family meeting on Thursday, May 23rd.** In addition to these retreats, there will be after school/evening rehearsals the week of the Holiday Show and RIG Annual.

COST COMMITMENT

Next year’s costs will be **\$925** for RIG and **\$650** for ESR, which will be broken down into \$100 monthly payments, starting in June. **WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY!** You will be given a detailed fundraising schedule for our individual fundraising opportunities (ways to offset the fee that goes directly into your account) at our meeting in May. There are **MANY** opportunities to earn funds for your account, and many of them are shifts to work, not just things to sell.

Many of our singers fundraise a large portion of their costs for these groups.

The amount due for the year includes costumes, shoes, warm-up jackets, rehearsal t-shirts, all competition fees, music, and all expenses related to competition season traveling. **Rhythm In Gold currently has four competitions in the metro area planned, along with an extended out-of-state competition. East Side Rhythm will attend three metro-area competitions.** The only extra costs will be a few one-time purchases, such as a long-line or strapless bra and base make-up for sopranos/altos, and undergarments for tenors/basses. You will also need money for food on competition days. **Aside from those costs, everything will be covered in the show choir fee.**

This fee is broken down into monthly payments (9 for RIG and 6 for ESR). Payments will be due on the 15th of the month (beginning June 15th), with the last payment due on 2/15/25 for RIG and 11/15/24 for East Side Rhythm. Please also note that if you choose not to sell tickets for our mandatory group fundraisers (Show Choir Car Wash: 6 for \$6 (\$36), Pancake Breakfast: 7 for \$10 (\$70), and the Preview Show: 8 for \$5 (\$40) you will be expected to pay out of pocket for the difference, on top of the show choir fee.

COMPETITIONS

Competitions are a big part of the Show Choir program. Rhythm In Gold will host/compete on 6 Saturdays during the months of January, February and March. East Side Rhythm will host/compete on four Saturdays. Our program will host the 12th Annual Bloomington Gold Show Choir Competition on Saturday, February 1st, 2025. Both choirs will perform at that event, and all show choir students and parents are asked to work throughout the day.

ATTITUDE

If you don't like singing, dancing and working your butt off, **DON'T AUDITION!** If you like all of the above, you will have an incredible time with an outstanding group of people. Show choir is hard work, as well as a ton of fun!!

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

This is also a big commitment for your parents! Parents become members of the Kennedy Booster Club. They help support the choirs financially through fundraising activities. Parents are asked to volunteer for several events, **including the Car wash, Pancake Breakfast and our Bloomington Gold Show Choir Competition.** In order for this program to be successful, we need all parents/guardians to become involved. Parents are asked to help at concerts, set building, competition supervising, fundraising assistance, etc. We also ask that parents come to our local and out of town competitions to provide support and assistance for our show choirs. Sign ups for parent help will be available online and by emailing our booster presidents.

The audition process is as follows:

- 1) Fill out the online audition packet at kennedychoirs.org/auditions.
 - 2) Sign up for an audition time at your school: **OGM**-Monday, April 22nd at 3-4pm, **VVM**- Tuesday, April 23rd from 3-4 pm, or at **KHS**- Tuesday, April 23rd from 4:30-8:00pm. Current Middle School students will show up at 3pm the day of the auditions at their school.
 - 2) We will have vocal tracks and choreography videos available at kennedychoirs.org/auditions. We will also have dance captains and current members of RIG available after school the week before auditions to help you learn the choreography. Middle school students should check with Mr. Blessing or Mr. Brokofsky for details. **KHS students will have the opportunity to meet in the choir room after school, Monday-Thursday the week of April 15-18 for dance and vocal sessions.**
 - 3) Show Choir Recommendation: On the audition form, please leave the name and email of a teacher/coach/advisor who knows you well. Mrs. Jordan will reach out to the teacher to get a recommendation.
- 5) Most importantly, you must bring a signed parent consent form to your audition, or you will not be allowed to audition.**

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

My student _____ is auditioning for the show choir program at Kennedy High School. I understand and agree to the financial responsibility for my student, as well as the expectations around attending rehearsals and being a committed member of the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Students will not be allowed to audition without a signed Parent/Guardian Consent Form

