



The Choirs at Elkhart Central...

- Meet during the regular seven period day
- Involve students from throughout the school - all grades, backgrounds, and experience levels
- Involve outside performances
- Teach you how to be the best singer you can be!

Choir students can be as active in co-curricular and extra- curricular activities as they wish.

How do I get into the Choirs?

1. Talk with your counselor.
2. If you want to audition for a mixed choir (Concert Choir and/or "Shades of Blue"), prepare in the spring and sign up for a 10-minute audition. It's easy!
3. If you want to sing but you're not ready to audition, contact Mr. Niederer to find a place in the choirs! The choir room is HH101, in the Performing Arts area near the auditorium.



Performance Opportunities

Typical performances for all choirs include:

- Fall Concert
- Holiday Concert
- Music in our Schools Month Concert
- ISSMA Organizational Festival
- Choral Awards Concert

Advanced Choir also normally performs in:

- Holiday Concerts at either (or both) Pierre Moran or North Side MS
- Sounds of the Season FOX28 televised performance on Christmas Day
- ECHS graduation

"Shades of Blue" has additional scheduled performances throughout the year for school events or other public performances.



Other Activities

There are other out-of-school choir related activities in which students are encouraged, but not required, to participate, such as:

- Fundraisers in the fall and winter which help raise money for the choral program and for student expenses
- Trips to Chicago or New York to attend musicals
- School musicals - choir students often get lead roles!
- Solo/ensemble festival - get feedback on your singing and musicianship from someone other than your teachers
- All-State Honor Choir - meet and sing with other choir students from around Indiana
- Other honor choirs - can happen at local colleges
- Talent shows - choir students usually perform very well!
- Possibility of earning a school letter for letter jacket

ELKHART CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Choral Music at ECHS



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VOCAL MUSIC AT ELKHART CENTRAL

The mission of Elkhart Central High School is to teach all students to think critically, to adapt to change and to work cooperatively as responsible citizens.



The choirs at Elkhart Central High School have a long and important history in the education of students. Students are able to participate in different school, community, and state performances of choral music through their membership in the choirs.

Our mission is to provide students with an opportunity to explore their natural talents in the field of vocal and choral music and to express themselves through performance and in learning about music.



What choirs can I join?

There are several choirs available for students with differing ability levels. The various options are:

Beginning Choir

The two beginning choirs are the Ninth Grade Women's Choir and the Men's Choir. These non-auditioned choirs are designed to help students to learn to use their still-developing voice in new ways. At this grade level the voice is still changing, and even if students have been in choir before, this class will help them to recognize and use their developing voice. This is also the choir where students learn musical concepts which will help them to advance as a singing musician. Through performance, theory work, and other exercises, these choirs will prepare students for advancement to other choirs. These choirs are available to ninth graders only.

Intermediate Choir

The Intermediate Choir, also known as Blazer Chorale, is available to girls in grades 10-12. This class expands upon the learning from Beginning Choir while working with more advanced repertoire. This non-auditioned choir can also provide a starting point for those who may have missed Beginning Choir. Work in this class will provide students with tools needed for placement into the Advanced Choir. This choir has the opportunity for performance several times throughout the year.

Advanced Choir

The Advanced Choir, also known as Concert Choir, is a mixed (guys and girls) choir traditionally available only to students in grades 10-12. This choir develops students' musicianship and specific performance skills through ensemble and solo singing. Repertoire is more advanced than other choirs, with a greater emphasis on *a cappella* singing, sight-reading, and critical musical listening. This choir also has a number of public performance opportunities throughout the year. Auditions for this choir occur in the spring for the following academic year.

Show Choir

The "Shades of Blue" Show Choir is a mixed, select group of students chosen from Concert Choir. This choir focuses more on pop and jazz music and can include choreography. Membership in this choir involves extra out-of-school rehearsals (usually twice a month) as well as public performances. Auditions for "Shades" occur at the same time as Concert Choir auditions. Students in this choir are expected to show a high level of maturity and dedication to the group.

