



In-School Choral Program Vendor #73393

Creating and Instructing Choirs in Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Children's Choir is a multiracial, multicultural choral music education organization, shaping the future by making a difference in the lives of children and youth through musical excellence. Music provides children with the opportunity to express. Not only does it allow them to understand their own feelings, but also the feelings of others. Because of this, music unites all people, regardless of age, gender or race. Our hope is that music will forever change the life of every child who enters the doors of the **Chicago Children's Choir**.

Our emphasis: With our strong philosophy of music education as our guide, we use a comprehensive approach to choral singing, allowing the singers to fully explore the expressive qualities of music. We instruct them in proper vocal production, basic musicianship, sight-reading, and music theory, using a Kodaly-based curriculum. Our model is in line with the National Standards for Music Education and the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* which was recently distributed by the Chicago Public Schools Office of Arts Education. We also teach the students to develop a sense of self-discipline for rehearsal and performance practice.

Chicago Children's Choir In-School Choral Program provides your school with:

- ◆ **A qualified conductor** to establish a choir consisting of 20-50 students.
- ◆ **1 or 2 choral classes each week** held during the school day and throughout the school year, depending upon the Program Plan your school selects (see attached)
- ◆ **Multicultural repertoire** exposing your students to a wide variety of repertoire and its historical context, including music of the classical tradition, folk music from around the world, spirituals, gospel and jazz.
- ◆ **Materials** provided by Chicago Children's Choir will include sheet music, theory worksheets and performance uniform shirts and ties for all singers.
- ◆ **School choirs perform** for their schools as well as participate in citywide choral performances with other members of Chicago Children's Choir.

All schools participating in the In-School Choral Program must commit to:

- ◆ **Hours of Attendance:** Depending on which Program Plan a school selects, students will attend choral classes for one or two class periods per week. All classroom teachers must cooperate in dismissing students to attend choral class on time.
- ◆ **It is ideal for choral instruction to take place during school hours:** This insures that all children who are eligible to participate in the program will not be excluded because of conflicts with after school commitments.
- ◆ **Space/Facilities/Special Needs:** It is the school's responsibility to provide a room of suitable size with ample seating for all singers, a piano, and a chalkboard.
- ◆ **Performance opportunities:** All singers benefit from performing in at least 4 concerts during the school year, both in their own school and across the city during field trips organized by Chicago Children's Choir.

Please note: Our repertoire and curriculum is best suited to begin at the 3rd & 4th grade level. However, schools can also begin a choir at grade levels beyond the 4th grade. The longer children are given the opportunity to study music, the more meaningful the experience. Therefore, our goal is for children to begin the choral music program at the early elementary level and to continue the program throughout the middle school level.

If you have questions or need additional information about Chicago Children's Choir In-School Choral Program, call Jocelyn Smith, at (312) 849-8300 ext. 19 or visit our web site at www.cchoir.org

Thank you for your interest!



**In-School Choral Program
2010-2011 Annual Rates**

The cost of the program includes:

- Conductor to recruit choir members
- Conductor to work with choir members in weekly rehearsals (about 30 weeks)
- Scheduled choir performances for school
- An accompanist for up to 3 school performances
- Two choir field trips (excluding bus fees)
- Supplemental uniforms for new choir members

Program Plan A:

Two choirs--
Two choral classes per week/ per choir
Cost: \$12,400

Program Plan B:

Two choirs--
One choral class per week/ per choir
Cost: \$7,250

Program Plan C:

One choir--
Two choral classes per week
Cost: \$6,300

Program Plan D:

One choir--
One choral class per week
Cost: \$4,900

Many schools use the following sources to purchase Chicago Children's Choir instruction plans:

- P.T.A.Funds
- Community partnerships
- Local government leaders
- Corporate sponsors
- Arts grants
- Other discretionary funds available to the school



In-School Choral Program
**** Application for the 2010-2011 school year ****

School name

Address

Zip Code

Phone #

Fax #

Principal Name

Choir Liaison/Contact Name

Principal E-mail

Choir Liaison E-mail

Percent low-income students _____

Type of Program Plan desired (see reverse for description): PLAN _____

Schedule preference (requested day and time of weekly rehearsals):
Our most successful programs are the ones incorporated into the school day.

Option 1: _____

Option 2: _____

Option 3: _____

**return by June 1st for best availability*

Please refer a school that would benefit from Chicago Children's Choir In-School Program.

Receive an additional program discount of \$50 for a recommendation of a new school that signs a contract with us by August 1st

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