



In-School Choral Program Vendor #73393

Creating 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 lives of all children who sing as a part of **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.
- ◆ **One or two choral classes each week** held during the school day and throughout the school year, depending on the Program Plan your school selects (see attached).
- ◆ **Multicultural repertoire** exposing your students to a wide variety of music and its historical context, including classical, folk, world, spirituals, gospel and jazz.
- ◆ **Materials** provided by Chicago Children's Choir including sheet music, theory worksheets, and performance uniform shirts and ties for all singers.
- ◆ **School choir performances** for your school as well as participation in citywide choral performances with other members of Chicago Children's Choir.

Expectations for participating schools in the In-School Choral Program:

- ◆ **Consistent student 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 ensures 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 four concerts during the school year, both at 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 may 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 the In-School Choral Program of Chicago Children's Choir, please call Jocelyn Smith, at (312) 849-8300 ext. 19 or visit our web site at www.ccchoir.org.

Thank you for your interest!



**In-School Choral Program
2011-2012 Annual Rates**

Register before May 31, 2011 to receive a \$250 discount!

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 at your school
- Accompanist for up to three school performances
- Two choir field trips (excluding bus fees)
- Supplemental uniforms for new choir members

Chicago Children's Choir offers the following four plans:

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:

- LSC or Parent Group Funds
- Community partnerships
- Local government leaders
- Corporate sponsors
- Arts grants
- Other discretionary funds available to the school



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**** Application for the 2011-2012 school year ****
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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 May 31st for best availability*

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

Receive an additional program discount of \$250 for a recommendation of a new school that signs a contract with Chicago Children's Choir fro 2011-2012!

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