



# HANDBOOK



VOICES Boston

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# Welcome!


Welcome to VOICES Boston! We are so glad your family is part of our community. This handbook is designed to help families understand our policies, expectations, and logistics so that every singer can have a positive, successful, and joyful experience. Please read this handbook carefully and keep it for reference throughout the season.





# Mission & Values

VOICES Boston empowers youth across the Greater Boston area through a performing arts education that builds **confidence, discipline, leadership**, and a **lifelong love of music**. Through choral and musical theatre experiences, singers learn collaboration, self-expression, and the joy of making music together.





# Staff & Contact Information

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# Ensemble Schedule

VOICES Boston offers a progressive choral program for children in grades K–8, combining high-quality music training with creative, ensemble-driven performance experiences.

## First Notes (K–1st Grade)

Tuesdays | 2:45–3:30pm at St. Mary's OR

Tuesdays | 4–4:45pm | Lincoln School

\*Thursdays | 3:30–4:15pm | Patrick Lyndon Pilot School

## Melody Ensemble (2nd–3rd Grade)

\*Mondays | 3:30–4:30pm | Patrick Lyndon Pilot School

Tuesdays | 5–6pm | Lincoln School OR

Wednesdays | 2:45–3:45pm | St. Mary's

## Harmony Ensemble (3rd–5th Grade)

Thursdays | 4:15–6:15pm | First Parish in Brookline

## VOICES Boston Children's Choir (6th–8th Grade)

Mondays and Wednesdays | 5–7pm | First Parish in Brookline

*\*Please note, the Patrick Lyndon Pilot School program is a 12-week program, taking place from February 23 – May 18, 2026, and will culminate in a separate concert on Thursday, May 21.*




**25-26 CALENDAR**



# Diversity & Inclusion Statement

VOICES Boston is a safe, welcoming space for children of all races, ethnicities, religions, gender identities, and sexual orientations. We celebrate diversity, inclusion, and acceptance as core values of our organization.

We advocate for equity and are committed to being active participants in creating a more just and inclusive future. We support one another and remind our students that VOICES Boston is a strong community—united against all forms of discrimination.





# Community Expectations

Being a part of VOICES Boston means that singers and families agree to:

- Be **present**, curious, and supportive as we share a collective love of music and the performing arts
- **Respect** their peers, staff and rehearsal spaces at all times
- Contribute **positively** to rehearsals and performances
- Arrive prepared, **focused**, and ready to participate
- Embody VOICES Boston's mission, values, and commitment to **inclusion**

*Singers who are consistently unable to meet these expectations may be asked to pause or discontinue participation in VOICES Boston.*



# Rehearsals

## Attendance

VOICES Boston introduces children to the experience of singing in an ensemble, where every singer plays an important role. Consistent attendance and punctuality are essential to the success of each ensemble. Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances unless a known conflict has been communicated in advance and approved by the VOICES Boston team.

## Supplies

Each singer in VBCC will be provided with a music binder, which should be brought to every rehearsal, including rehearsals for memorized repertoire. If a binder is lost, a \$30 replacement fee will be assessed.

For the best rehearsal experience, singers should bring:

- Music binder
- Pencil
- Water bottle





## **Dress Code**

Singers should wear clothing that allows for comfortable singing and movement and is respectful of both the individual and the ensemble. At performances, singers represent VOICES Boston and are expected to adhere to concert dress requirements.

Detailed concert uniform requirements will be shared in advance of each performance. Singers who do not meet the dress code may not be permitted to perform.

## **Drop-Off & Pick-Up**

For the safety of all singers, families are asked to carefully follow drop-off and pick-up procedures specific to each rehearsal location. VOICES Boston assumes responsibility for singers beginning 15 minutes before rehearsal start time.

# Concerts

- Singers should arrive at dress rehearsals and performances at least five minutes before call time
- Singers must be dressed according to the concert attire guidelines
- Singers should remain in designated areas during rehearsals and performances



# Health & Safety

The safety of our singers is our highest priority. All staff, teaching artists, and collaborators are required to show proof of vaccination and complete a CORI background check. Health protocols will be reviewed and updated as needed throughout the season.

## **Inclement Weather**

If Brookline Public Schools declare a snow day or the Town of Brookline closes early due to weather, rehearsals will be canceled. Families will be notified as soon as possible in the event of cancellations.



# Tuition

Tuition rates for each ensemble are available on our [website](#). Invoices are sent electronically, and a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. Full-year tuition refunds are not available after **November 1**, and missed classes are not eligible for reimbursement.

*Please do not send payments with your child or hand them directly to staff.*

If a payment plan is needed, please contact the VOICES office in advance so we can work with you on a solution.

## **Tuition Assistance**

We are committed to ensuring our programs are accessible, and that financial circumstances are never a barrier to participation. Tuition assistance is available for families who demonstrate financial need. Families requesting assistance must complete our [Tuition Assistance Form](#).

**Please mail payments to:  
VOICES Boston  
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