



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

VOICES Boston is a leading children's choir organization dedicated to enriching the lives of young people in the Boston area. We provide a nurturing environment for artistic growth that fosters **confidence, discipline, leadership skills,** and an **abiding love of music** through high-quality music education and inclusive opportunities for collaborative music-making.



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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 *or*

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

Melody Ensemble (2nd–3rd Grade)

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

Tuesdays | 5–6pm | Lincoln School *or*

Wednesdays | 2:45–3:45pm | St. Mary's

Harmony Ensemble (3rd–5th Grade)

Thursdays | 4:30–6:30pm | First Parish in Brookline

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

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




[26-27 CALENDAR](#)



Diversity & Inclusion Statement

VOICES Boston is a safe and affirming space for all children. We celebrate diversity, inclusion, and acceptance as core values and are committed to building a more equitable future through our work. Our Board, staff, and students support one another in creating a community that stands firmly against discrimination in all forms.

Enrollment in VOICES Boston is open to all singers on a non-discriminatory basis regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, ethnicity, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.





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





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

Dress Code

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.

- Singers should arrive at dress rehearsals and performances at least five minutes before call time
- 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 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.

Tuition Assistance

VOICES Boston is committed to ensuring that financial circumstances do not prevent a child from participating in our programs. Scholarships, tuition assistance, and flexible payment plans are available. [Click here to complete a tuition assistance application.](#)

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