

Classic Edition - Frequent Questions!

What is it? Classic Edition is an extra-curricular, competitive show choir made up of 56 male and female 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from McKinley Middle School.

We begin our season with auditions! Classic Edition is not a “sign up then show up” group. Auditions take place the first week of November, over the course of four days.

Singing Auditions: Sign up for a 5 minute time slot for your vocal audition on either Monday or Tuesday (between 3 pm and 5:30 pm) and come prepared with your favorite pop song that best shows off your vocal abilities! You will sing completely unaccompanied – no piano, and NO sing-alongs with a recording. Be prepared to be expressive – facials and confidence that express the mood of the song you choose are not only encouraged, they are expected!

Dance Auditions: Show up either Wednesday or Thursday after school in Room 107. Select 8th grade students who are returning members of Classic Edition will be teaching the dance audition. We will rotate rows of dancers on the platform risers in my room until all dancers have had AT LEAST one front row review as their audition. You should plan on being at school until 5 pm on your audition day.

When will I know if I got in? Audition week is Monday through Thursday, November 5 – 8, and the list of accepted Classic Edition members will be posted at the end of the day on Friday, November 9th.

Our first rehearsal is Saturday Morning, November 10th.

What is my commitment if I’m accepted? The Classic Edition season runs from Saturday November 10th through the second week of March (McKinley Variety Show on the 14th is our final performance). We rehearse Monday through Thursday after school, and most rehearsals are here at McKinley, with a few Saturday rehearsals at Washington High School. Singing rehearsals are from 3-5, choreography days run from 3-6 pm. There will be a mix of Monday choreography sessions instead of Wednesday this year, due to choreographer schedules. We also have quite a few Saturday morning commitments for both rehearsals and performances. A full calendar will be given out at our first rehearsal.

Is there a fee for Classic Edition? YES. The fee for Classic Edition for the 2018-2019 season is \$130.00. This fee represents transportation costs (charter to bus to Davenport), maintenance/cleaning costs of costumes, registration fees for competitions, new music, choreographer and clinician fees. We will participate in invitational competitions at Prairie, Washington, Jefferson, Kennedy and the Adler Theater (Davenport West and Central High Schools), as well as a Saturday performance for Cocoa and Carols at Washington and a new, Friday caroling event on November 30th. Additional costs to anticipate include required garments you will keep, food costs at competitions, makeup and hair products that are “consumable.”