

# District 14 All-District Audition Information

## 1. Audition Registration

### High School

- student audition fee ranges from \$10-\$12 per student. Names, voice part, voice part separation (1, 2) are entered on a Google Spreadsheet provided by the audition chair. The due date is set by the audition chair but is typically due approximately 4 weeks before the event.
- Our District holds auditions on Election Day (the 2nd Tuesday) in November.
- Hard copies of audition registration paperwork are also emailed to directors to print out and mail with their registration check

**Middle School** – Auditions are not held through the district. Each middle school choral director decides how to select students to fill the quota assigned (usually 3 sopranos, 3 altos and 3 baritones)

## 2. Audition Location (HS only)

- This is rotated on a volunteer basis. At our September meeting we have a Future Events sheet that asks for directors to volunteer to chair/host events about 3-4 years out. Auditions are moved throughout the District depending upon who volunteers to host.

## 3. Audition Piece (HS only)

- We use the same 4 year rotation of songs that are used for All VA Choir auditions.
- The accompaniment tracks are used for practice and in the audition room, so students are familiar with what they will hear for accompaniment

## 4. Sight-reading Procedures (HS only)

- Students have 30 seconds to study the sight-reading example before they perform it for a score.
- We use the All VA Choir recording for sight-reading for the intro, timing and instructions.
- Keys are - C Major for Altos/Basses and Eb Major for Sopranos and Tenors
- Range is low ti to la, with the only skips are do-mi and mi-sol
- 8 measures in length, measures 1 and 2 are the same as 5 and 6.

## 5. Judges (HS only)

- Judges are chosen by the audition chair.
- We have a total of 8 judges with 2 in each room. (S1 T1, S2 T2, A1 B1, A2 B2)
- These judges should have no direct connection with the schools or students auditioning. No District 14 HS Choir teacher can be a judge.

## 6. Scoring Rubrics & Procedure (HS only)

- The same rubric used to assess All VA auditions is used
- Every 5-10 auditions a runner will pick up score sheets from the judges. They will then deliver them to a tabulation room where 2 teachers or adults are assigned. The teachers/adults may switch out during the day, but we always have a minimum of 2 to double check the scoring procedures
- The 1st person double checks the judges' tabulations and then initials the bottom corner of the score sheet. The 2nd person double checks all points entered on the spreadsheet and also initials the bottom of the scoresheet. Each student's scoresheet should have two sets of initials.
- Judges are not allowed to leave the audition location until all scores are entered in the spreadsheet in case a disparity is found or a question arises.

## 7. Results & How Announced (HS only)

- The spreadsheets for each voice part are sorted according to total score.
- 10 students from each voice section (S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, B2) are selected for the SATB choir. 20 students are selected from S1, S2, A1, and A2 sections for the SSAA choir. Sopranos and Altos are determined to be in either SATB or SSAA depending upon their ranking by odd or even numbers. Odd years the first 10 odd numbers will attend SATB ensemble and the first 10 even numbers will attend SSAA. This switches on even years.
- Results are sent the evening of auditions via email to all teachers. Results are not shared with students at this point. Teachers have 24 hours to look, check and ask questions. Once all questions and issues are resolved (if any) results are shared with students.
- Score sheets are mailed to the schools the next day.

## 8. Hospitality for Judges

- Light snacks and drinks are provided for all judges. Lunch is also provided for judges. The cost is paid for from the registration fee.
- Snacks, drinks or pizza lunch may also be provided for student and parent volunteer helpers
- Meals for auditioning students are not provided.
- Chairpersons may choose to have a concession stand operating for fundraising during the day