

District 13 All District Chorus Audition Procedures

- Auditions are held over a two-day period, on Thursday and Friday, during the first two weeks of November.
- High School and Middle School students enrolled in choir are eligible to audition.
- The auditions for High School and Middle School are separate
- The auditions are chaired by two separate people.
- The auditions can be hosted by separate schools or by the chairs for the event.

High School

1. Audition registration: Teachers register their students via excel spreadsheet in late September. Each student pays \$7.00. There is a non-member fee of \$130.00 if the teacher is not a member of VMEA. This price includes the \$0.20 VMEA fee.
2. Audition piece: Students use the All-VA piece in rotation that year.
3. Sight Reading: Students sight sing examples in Major keys with stepwise motion and leaps within the tonic triad. They have 30 seconds to examine the excerpt and then sing it with the system of their choice, i.e. solfege, numbers, neutral syllable, etc.
4. Judges: The event chair selects judges. There are two judges per room. Tenors and basses are judged in the same room. Sopranos and Altos are judged in separate rooms.
5. Rubrics – we use the same rubric as the All-VA Auditions.
6. Results: The audition chair shares the results with the teachers who then share them with their students. All students selected for District Choir are put into one mixed choir. Students who are selected for District Choir are eligible to audition for All State. All State auditions take place after the District Choir event.

Middle School

1. Audition registration: Teachers register their students via google doc in late September. Each student pays \$7.00. There is a non-member fee of \$130.00 if the teacher is not a member of VMEA. This price includes the \$0.20 VMEA fee.
2. Audition piece: How is this selected? Is it *My Country 'Tis of Thee Every Year?*
3. Sight Reading: Students sing examples in Major keys.
4. Judges: The event chair selects judges. There are two judges per room.

5. Rubrics – We use the same rubric as the All-VA Auditions

6. Results: The audition chair shares the results with the teachers who then share them with their students. All students selected for District Choir are put into one mixed choir. Students who are selected for District Choir are eligible to audition for All State. All State auditions take place after the District Choir event.