

Middle School Honors Choir (6789)

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in Honors Choir?

Any student in grades 6-9 enrolled in an ensemble at a school with a current MSVMA membership.

Do students audition alone or in groups?

Students audition alone. (New in 2019-2020) They must learn their voice part for the audition song that corresponds with the choir they are auditioning for (SA, SSA or TTB)

What do they learn for the audition?

The groups learn the designated audition piece listed on the current repertoire link, for either SA, SSA or TTB. The SA and TTB singers will sing along with the accompaniment track and the SSA singers need to sing a cappella

Does the audition piece have to be memorized for the video?

Yes

Do the singers need to learn other songs for the October Regional Choir?

Yes, they need to learn notes for the clinic piece listed on the current repertoire link for their groups voicing. The piece should be learned, NOT being sight read that day.

Do singers need their own music?

Yes, every singer should arrive at the October regional day with originals of both the audition and clinic pieces. NOT photocopies!! These need to be purchased ahead of time.

Can a singer just participate in the Regional Honors Choir and not continue on to state?

Yes, this is new! Students who would like to participate in the Regional day but cannot commit to being in the state honors choir, must submit an audition video, pay the \$10 regional fee, and learn the clinic piece. The application will have a check box if the student is opting not to go on, once the form is submitted a student may NOT change their mind, this decision is final.

If a student makes it into state who buys the music?

MSVMA will provide the rest of the music for the state honors choir, just the audition and clinic pieces need to be purchased by the school.

Do my students have to attend the October regional concert?

Yes! Students who do not attend will not be considered for the state honors choir. It would be the equivalent of missing the audition in the past.

When will I know which region my students will attend?

Most likely you can plan on being at the region that you request, if you have to be switched you will be contacted individually to explain the reason for the switch.

What is the schedule for the October Regional day?

Check-in from 9 AM-10 AM

Rehearsal from 10 AM-Noon

Concert 12:15 PM (SA, TTB, SSA)

Head home at 1:00 PM

When will I know if my students make it into the State Honors Choirs?

Judges will complete watching and judging all groups within one week of the audition deadline, at that time the coordinators will compile the lists of the successful and not successful auditionees and will email the results within three business days of the regional concert day.

When are fees due?

Regional fees must be mailed by the October deadline. All state fees and forms are due at the first rehearsal, students cannot participate that day without all forms and fees turned in. Fees must be paid with a school or director check, no parent checks are allowed.

How long are the rehearsal days?

Rehearsals run from 10 AM to 4 PM on all but the third rehearsal, which starts at 9:30 AM to accommodate a mini concert held at the end of that day.

Are directors required to be at the state rehearsals?

No. Many attend the first rehearsal to make sure fees and forms are taken care of, but this is not required. All rehearsals are open to directors and it is a fantastic professional development opportunity.

What happens if my student misses a rehearsal once they are selected for state?

The only excused absences are deaths in the family and personal illness of the student, excused with a doctor's note. If a student misses more than one rehearsal for ANY reason they will be dismissed from the choir. Remember that your student took one of the very limited spaces in honors choir, so if they do not follow through they have cheated another student out of the opportunity. Please make sure your students understand all of the required days and times.