2027 Northeastern District Treble Chorus Handbook

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<tr><td>Festival Dates & Information</td><td><u>Rehearsal #1</u>
Friday, April 9th, 2027
Arrival at 4:00 PM
Rehearsal 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: North Andover High School

Detailed Schedule here</td><td><u>Rehearsal #2 & Concert</u>
Saturday, April 10th 2027
Arrival 8:15 AM
Rehearsal 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Concert at 3:00 PM
Location: North Andover High School

Detailed Schedule here

Snow Date: Sunday, April 11th, 2027

Concert admission is $10.00 & NAfME members are free! Additional concert/ticket information will be provided before the first rehearsal.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Student Eligibility</td><td colspan="2">General Eligibility
Any 4th, 5th, & 6th-grade Soprano/Alto (Treble) voices
Students must participate in music instruction at their Northeastern District school
Participating teachers must be NAfME members
Student Eligibility
The student does not have to participate in a choir, but should receive a minimum of regular general music instruction
Student should demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts in solo and vocal ensemble singing
Music teachers should ONLY recommend students that:
Consistently use head voice while singing
Accurately match pitch
Have excellent tone quality and breath support
Are able to read and perform basic, standard music notation
Are able to receive feedback and adapt to cues of a conductor
Are full of energy and enthusiasm for music and singing
Are able to demonstrate excellent rehearsal etiquette</td></tr>
<tr><td>Student Selection & Limits</td><td colspan="2">Student selection is by teacher recommendation; no audition required.
Teachers may only recommend students from the school(s) where they are the Music Teacher.
The chorus will comprise 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade sopranos and altos (treble voices)
The number of students a teacher can recommend will be based on TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT of 4th, 5th, and/or 6th-grade students (as reported by DESE). Please note this is not the total enrollment of 4th, 5th, and/or 6th graders in the district. Enrollment is determined by individual schools and the grade levels within each school.
Please use the document below to determine the number of students you may register: NE District Treble Chorus Enrollment/Participation Formula
<u>DO NOT</u> register more than your school is allotted.
Registrations beyond your allotment may not be honored.
Up to (3) students for the first 100 students combined in 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade in each school</td></tr>
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	○ **Up to (1) additional student for each additional 1-50 students** in a school's total enrollment of 4th/5th, and or 6th-grade students After you have selected students you wish to participate, please feel free to use this **2027 TEACHER LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS** to begin communication and register students.
Student Attendance Policy	Students: • Must attend the pre-festival rehearsal for the entire duration. Students must arrive on time and cannot be dismissed early, except in the event of an emergency. • Must attend the festival day for the entire duration. Students must arrive on time and cannot be dismissed early, except in the event of an emergency. • Due to limited rehearsal time, it is essential that students be on time for all rehearsals. Students must attend the full duration of all rehearsals to be eligible for the concert. Students will not be excused from rehearsals. Exceptions for medical reasons and personal tragedies will be considered by the Festival Coordinator and the Chairperson upon receipt of notification from the school director. Doctor's notes are required for medical excuses on a case-by-case basis.
Student Registration Form	Please register each student here: **STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM** (Teachers only) This form should ONLY be completed by the participating students' music teacher. The form must be filled out for each student. The registration deadline will be January 23rd, 2027.
Additional Student Registration	The choir has a maximum number of 130 spots. If any spots remain after the registration deadline, ***participating teachers*** will be contacted with the option to register additional students. Payment for Regular Registration and Additional Registration can all be postmarked together by 2/10 (see Festival Fees).
Festival Fees	$25.00 per student - The Festival fee covers a folder of music and a t-shirt. Teachers should collect individual checks and postmark them together. All festival fees and health/permission forms must be postmarked by **FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2027.** and mailed to: ***MMEA-ND Treble Chorus Festival*** ***% Samantha Prindiville*** ***Wilmington Middle School*** ***25 Carter Lane*** ***Wilmington, MA 01887*** Checks made payable to "**MMEA-ND**". Cash cannot be accepted. Please include **TEACHER NAME + SCHOOL NAME/DISTRICT + # of Participating Students**. Medical Forms should be mailed with the checks. Please contact samantha.prindiville@wpsk12.com if you have students who need financial assistance.

Student Medical - Permission Form	**STUDENT MEDICAL/PERMISSION FORM** This form must be completed by all Parents/Guardians. A copy of the form will be included in the music folder. **DEADLINE**: The medical/permission forms should be sent with the registration fee to the Festival Coordinator (see festival fees). These should be postmarked by **Friday, March 2, 2027.** This form must be completed prior to the first rehearsal. If this completed form is not submitted by the first rehearsal, the student will not be permitted to participate.
Music Preparation	Music teachers should help students prepare their music and choreography as they see fit. Practicing at home with recordings is a great way for students and families to be involved in the responsibility of preparing for the festival. Students are expected to prepare music individually and/or with their music teacher. Students are expected to learn and encouraged to memorize the music by the first rehearsal. Please ensure students are ready and willing to participate in the chorus festival. It's a
Dress Code	For Festival Day, students should wear the Festival T-shirt provided for them and professional black attire on the bottom: • Black dress pants or floor-length skirt • Black dress shoes • Black socks, nylons, etc. • No other t-shirts, polo shirts, jeans, sneakers, or white socks
Chaperones	A sponsoring teacher from your DISTRICT must be present for each day of the festival. Teachers are encouraged to work together to share the responsibility of chaperoning in the event that a teacher cannot attend. Please contact the coordinator if you need accommodation. • 1 chaperone must be provided for every 10 students from your DISTRICT. • Parents/Guardians may chaperone if they have an active CORI on file with your district.

Quick Links:

- NE District Treble Chorus Enrollment/Participation Formula
- **Student Registration Form**
  - To Be Completed By **Teacher** Only
- **Student Medical/Permission Form** - A copy will be included in music folder
  - To Be Completed by the **Student's Family**
- '26 NE District Treble Chorus Rehearsal #1 Schedule
- '26 NE District Treble Chorus Rehearsal #2 & Concert Schedule