



2026 State Choir Contest Performance Schedule

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Date (21)	Warm-Up	Performance	Class	Ensemble
Tuesday 4/14/2026	8:00 AM	8:20 AM	MS	Eisenhower Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	8:20 AM	8:40 AM	MS	Zia Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	MS	Hermosa Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	MS	Berrendo & Mesa Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	9:20 AM	9:40 AM	MS	Lincoln Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	9:40 AM	10:00 AM	MS	Heights Middle School
	10:00 AM	10:20 AM		
Tuesday 4/14/2026	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	MS	St. Michael's (MS)
Tuesday 4/14/2026	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	MS	Mesa Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	MS	Camino Real Middle School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	11:20 AM	11:40 AM	MS	Portales Jr. High
Tuesday 4/14/2026	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	MS	Gonzales Community School
Awards ceremony for Middle School to be held at approximately 12:20 PM				
Tuesday 4/14/2026	12:40 PM	1:00 PM	A-3A	St. Michael's High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	A-3A	Capitan High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	1:20 PM	1:40 PM	A-3A	Rehoboth Christian School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	1:40 PM	2:00 PM	A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
	2:00 PM	2:20 PM		
Tuesday 4/14/2026	2:10 PM	2:30 PM	4A	Moriarty High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	2:30 PM	2:50 PM	4A	Artesia High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	2:50 PM	3:10 PM	4A	Los Alamos High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	3:10 PM	3:30 PM	4A	Lovington High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	3:30 PM	3:50 PM	4A	Portales High School
Tuesday 4/14/2026	3:50 PM	4:10 PM	A-5A Treble	Artesia High School (TREBLE)
Awards ceremonies for A-3A and 4A to be held at approximately 4:30 PM				





2026 State Choir Contest Performance Schedule

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Date (25)	Warm-Up	Performance	Class	Ensemble
Wednesday 4/15/2026	7:40 AM	8:00 AM	A-5A Treble	Public Academy for Performing Arts
Wednesday 4/15/2026	8:00 AM	8:20 AM	A-5A Treble	Clovis High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	8:20 AM	8:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Organ Mountain High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	A-5A Treble	Centennial High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	A-5A Treble	Piedra Vista High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	9:20 AM	9:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Rio Rancho High School
	9:40 AM	10:00 AM		
Wednesday 4/15/2026	10:00 AM	10:20 AM	A-5A Treble	Portales High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Farmington High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	A-5A Treble	Eldorado High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	A-5A Treble	La Cueva High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	11:20 AM	11:40 AM	A-5A Treble	V. Sue Cleveland High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	A-5A Treble	Mayfield High School
Awards ceremony for Class A-5A Treble to be held at approximately 12:20 PM				
Wednesday 4/15/2026	12:40 PM	1:00 PM	5A	Rio Rancho High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	5A	Carlsbad High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	1:20 PM	1:40 PM	5A	Hobbs High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	1:40 PM	2:00 PM	5A	Mayfield High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	2:00 PM	2:20 PM	5A	Piedra Vista High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	2:20 PM	2:40 PM	5A	Clovis High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	2:40 PM	3:00 PM	5A	La Cueva High School
	3:00 PM	3:20 PM		
Wednesday 4/15/2026	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	5A	Eldorado High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	3:40 PM	4:00 PM	5A	Organ Mountain High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	4:00 PM	4:20 PM	5A	Santa Fe High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	4:20 PM	4:40 PM	5A	Farmington High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	4:40 PM	5:00 PM	5A	V. Sue Cleveland High School
Wednesday 4/15/2026	5:00 PM	5:20 PM	5A	Centennial High School
Awards ceremony for Class 5A to be held at approximately 5:40 PM				



Performing Ensembles by Classification

Middle School Choirs

Eisenhower Middle School Concert Choir

Director: William Gonzales

Accompanist: Geoffrey St. John

Music Selections:

Hope Lingers On - Lisa Schneckenburger, arr. Andrea Ramsey

Three a cappella Latin Settings - Jerry Estes

I. Gloria In Excelsis Deo

II. Et In Terra Pax

III. Alleluia

If You Want to Go - Philip E. Silvey

Zia Middle School Advanced Choir

Director: Christopher Yee

Accompanist: Marco Jimenez

Music Selections:

O Magnum Mysterium - Evan Ramos

Dies Irae - Ryan Main

Dance for Love - Z. Randall Stroope

Hermosa Mata-do-re-mi Mixed Choir

Director: Virginia Weaver

Accompanist: Kaden Weisheit

Music Selections:

Antiphonal Kyrie - Susan Thrift

"Fuégo" from Tres Canciones de los Elementos - Victor C. Johnson

Sesere eeye - Traditional from Torres Strait Islands - arr. Mark O'Leary

Roswell Consolidated Middle School Treble Choir

Director: Alyssa Carlock

Accompanist: Matthew Romero

Music Selections:

Dodi Li - Doreen Rao

Carry the Light - Andy Beck

Dance - Robert T. Gibson

Lincoln Middle School Treble Choir

Director: Miguel Jaramillo

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

Lakeside Lullaby - Jacob Narverud

I Am Out With Lanterns - Ayrian Norman

La Paloma - Cristian Grases

Heights Middle School Troubadours

Director: Siromani Leath

Accompanist: Kylene Aikele

Music Selections:

Inspirare Spirito - John Fritz

Dance your Dance - Jacob Narverud

Elijah Rock - Victor C. Johnson

St. Michael's Middle School Treble Choir

Director: Devin DeVargas

Accompanist: Robert Krupnick

Music Selections:

I will Sing with the Spirit - John Rutter

Bring Me Little Water - Sylvie, Lead Belly, arr. Moira Smiley

Amani - Audrey Snyder

Mesa Middle School Advanced Choir

Director: Diana Ortegon

Accompanist: Joseph Lecher

Music Selections:

Somewhere above the clouds - Ruth Elaine Schram

Lux aeterna - Christi Jones

Laudate dominum - Ruth Morris

Camino Real Middle School Advanced Choir

Director: Bryan Berard

Accompanist: Marco Jimenez

Music Selections:

Weevily Wheat - Shawn Kirchner

Hine Mah Tov - Henry Leck

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel - Roger Emerson

Portales Jr. High School Choir

Director: Ginger Terry

Accompanist: Heather Christensen

Music Selections:

Ave Maria - Franz Schubert, arr. Karl Hitzemann

Gloria Deo (foreign language, a capella) - Jay Althouse

Give Me Your Stars to Hold - Sara Teasdale, arr. Bruce W. Tippet

Gonzales Community School Concert Choir

Director: John Tiranno

Accompanist: Elizabeth Young

Music Selections:

Hallelujah, Amen! - George Frideric Handel, arr. Matthew Michaels

Dona Nobis Pacem - traditional

Cantar! - Jay Althouse

Class A-3A Choirs**St. Michael's High School Chamber Choir**

Director: Devin DeVargas

Accompanist: Robert Krupnick

Music Selections:

Caritas Abundat - Michael John Trotta

I Loved You - Jay Rouse

Muie Rendera - C.A. Pinto Fonesca

Capitan High School Concert Choir

Director: Du Wayne Shaver

Accompanist:

Music Selections:

Celebrate with Jubilant Song - Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Agnus Dei - Sherri Porterfield

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? - arr. Greg Gilpin

Rehoboth Christian School Choir

Director: Anna Christensen

Accompanist: Anna Zwiers

Music Selections:

Viva! from Il re Pastore - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Patrick Liebergen

Prayer of the Children - Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Clouse

Like a Tree - Ellen Woods Bryce

New Mexico School for the Arts Chamber Choir

Director: Kehar Koslowsky

Accompanist: Kathlene Ritch

Music Selections:

"Kalà Kallà", from *Five Hebrew Love Songs* - Eric Whitacre

Scarborough Fair - arr. Michael Higgins

Sing, my Child - Sarah Quartel

Class 4A Choirs

Moriarty High School Messengers

Director: Meagan Thomas

Accompanist: Nathan Cleveland

Music Selections:

Measure Me Sky - Elaine Hagenberg

Os Justi - Eleanor Daley

Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn - Bryan Sharpe

Artesia High School Varsity Chorale

Director: Jhordan Granger

Accompanist: Brandy Barnett

Music Selections:

Nau Marie - Cedrick Howoseb, ed. Ryan Main, arr. Ryan Main

Hashivenu - Greg Gilpin

There's no rock gonna shout for me - Michael Barrett

Los Alamos High School Schola Cantorum

Director: Jason Rutledge

Accompanist: Louisa Singleton

Music Selections:

Rosas Pandan - George G. Hernandez

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening - Eric Whitacre

Muusika - Pärt Uusberg

Lovington High School Aristocats

Director: Elijah Estrada

Accompanist:

Music Selections:

My Good Lords a-done-a Been Here - Stacey V. Gibbs

The Road Home - arr. Stephen Paulus

Dixit in Corde Suo - arr. Gyongyosi Levente

Portales High School Chamber Choir

Director: Ginger Terry

Accompanist: Heather Christensen

Music Selections:

Ave Verum (foreign language) - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

La Lluvia (a capella) - Lyrics: Stephen Hatfield, Composed: Stephen Hatfield

Echo (a capella, foreign language) - Lyrics: Rob Dietz, Composed: Rob Dietz

Class A-5A Treble Choirs

Artesia High School Bella Voce Treble Choir

Director: Jhordan Granger

Accompanist: Brandy Barnett

Music Selections:

Ergen Deda - Peter Lyondev

Shady Grove - Trad. Folk Song arr. Nancy Allsbrook & Glenda Goodin

Awakening - Christi Jones

Public Academy for Performing Arts Les Chanteuses

Director: Edmund Torrez

Accompanist: Emily Christiansen

Music Selections:

My Johnny's a Soldier...Accompanied - American folk song arr. Catherine Bennett

Timeletak (Euskara) - Eva Ugalde

Sicut Cervus (Latin) - Rosephanye Powell

Clovis High School Women's Select Choir

Director: Tami Martin

Accompanist: James Golden

Music Selections:

Sea Fever - Daniel Brinsmead

Justitiae Domini - Michael John Trotta

Joy! Joy! - Jacob Narverud

Organ Mountain High School Varsity Women

Director: Ida M. Holguin

Accompanist: Joseph Lecher

Music Selections:

Amani - Jim Papoulis

How Can I Keep from Singing? - arr. Penny Downs Tullock

Poor Wayfaring Stranger - arr. Jonathan Rodgers

Centennial High School Bella Voce

Director: Jeonai Batista

Accompanist: Joe Lecher

Music Selections:

Las Amarillas - arr. Stephen Hatfield

Rig Veda, Group 3, movements II, III, IV - Gustav Holst

Piedra Vista High School Pipettes

Director: Melissa Mortensen

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Will the Circle Be Unbroken - Moore

Lascia Ch'io Pianga - Handel/Leck

I Thank You God - Gwyneth Walker

Rio Rancho High School Bel Canto

Director: Rebecca Kendall

Accompanist: Anna-Yumi Kang-Walker

Music Selections:

Down in the River to Pray - arr. Culloton

Hotaru Koi - arr. Ogura

Ergen Deda - Lyondev

Portales High School Women's Choir

Director: Ginger Terry

Accompanist: Heather Christensen

Music Selections:

Gloria Patri (foreign language) Composed: Antonio Lucio Vivaldi, arr: Robert Sieving

She Sings - Lyrics: Amy F. Bernon, Composed: Amy F. Bernon

Las Amarillas (foreign language, a capella) Traditional - arr: Stephen Hatfield

Farmington High School Siren Serenade Women's Choir

Director: Katie Olivas

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Turlutte acadienne montrealaise - Marie-Claire Saindon

Begin Again - Daniel Brinsmead

Yo Le Canto - David Brunner

Eldorado High School 24 Karat

Director: Holly Johnson

Accompanist: Spencer Hubbard

Music Selections:

Hotaru Koi - arr. Ro Ogura (foreign language and a capella)

Deep River - arr. Russell Robinson (a capella)

Flight - arr. Ryan Murphy (my choice)

La Cueva High School Treble Choir

Director: Katherine Green

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

Psallite - Kyle Pederson

Jam! (Jom-Ayuh-Mari!) - Tracy Wong

O Love - Elaine Hagenberg

V. Sue Cleveland High School Bella Choir

Director: Jadira Flamm

Accompanist: Fides May Le Roy

Music Selections:

Dum Spiro Spero - Daniel Brinsmead

Call of the Flowers - Leo Delibes

Be Like the Bird - Abbie Betinis

Mayfield High School Muses Treble Choir

Director: Anton Tan

Accompanist: Joe Lecher

Music Selections:

Lineage - Andrea Ramsey

Yo Le Canto Todo El Dia - David Brunner

Psalm 23 - Z. Randall Stroope

Class 5A Choirs

Rio Rancho High School Concert Choir

Director: Rebecca Kendall

Accompanist: Anna-Yumi Kang-Walker

Music Selections:

Singkap Siaga - Tracy Wong

Bogoroditse Devo - Rachmaninoff

The Runner - Joshua Rist

Carlsbad High School Troubadours

Director: Kyle Martin

Accompanist: Nicholas Harvey

Music Selections:

Sing a Mighty Song - Daniel E. Gawthrop

Esto Les Digo - Kinley Lange

City Called Heaven - arr. Josephine Poelinitz

Hobbs High School A Cappella Choir

Director: Cameron Colson

Accompanist: Julio Castillo

Music Selections:

Dies Irae - Michael John Trotta

Across the Vast, Eternal Sky - Ola Gjeilo

Indodana - Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmitt

Mayfield High School Trojan Singers

Director: Anton Tan

Accompanist: Joe Lecher

Music Selections:

Dies Irae - Michael John Trotta

Ritmo - Dan Davison

I am not yours - David N. Childs

Piedra Vista High School Chamber Choir

Director: Melissa Mortensen

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Je le vous Dirait! - Leavitt

Balleilakka - Rahman/Sperry

O Divine Redeemer - Gounod / Schrader

Clovis High School Chamber Choir

Director: Tami Martin

Accompanist: James Golden

Music Selections:

Viva! - W. A. Mozart/P. M. Liebergen

My Song in the Night - Elaine Hagenberg

Twa Tanbou - Sydney Guillaume

La Cueva High School Concert Choir

Director: Katherine Green

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

Dies Irae from Requiem - Michael John Trotta

Lux Aeterna from "Requiem" - Michael John Trotta

Time - Jennifer Lucy Cook

Eldorado High School

Director: Holly Johnson

Accompanist: Spencer Hubbard

Music Selections:

Time - Jennifer Lucy Cook (a capella)

Verleih' uns Frieden - Mendelssohn (foreign language)

The Pasture - Z. Randall Stroope

Organ Mountain High School Varsity Singers

Director: Ida M. Holguin

Accompanist: Joseph Lecher

Music Selections:

Zion's Walls - arr. Glenn Koponen

Esto les Digo - Kinley Lange

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around - arr. Rollo Dilworth

Santa Fe High School Choir

Director: Will Varner

Accompanist: Debbie Wagner

Music Selections:

We Are the Music Makers - Reginald Wright

Prairie Water by Night - John Leavitt

Bonse Aba - Arr. Andrew Fischer

Farmington High School Verde Voci Chamber Choir

Director: Katie Olivas

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Il est bel et bon - Pierre Passereau arr. John Leavitt

After the Wind - Nicholas Ryan Kelly

Desh - Ethan Sperry

V. Sue Cleveland High School Concert Choir

Director: Jadira Flamm

Accompanist: Fides May LeRoy

Music Selections:

Il Est bel Et Bon - Pierre Passereau

Little Birds - Eric Whitacre

Tres Cantos - Marcos Leite

Centennial High School Chamber Choir

Director: Jeonai Batista

Accompanist: Joe Lecher

Music Selections:

Light of a Clear Blue Morning - Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Ubi Caritas - Maurice Duruflé

The Lord is My Shepherd - Will Todd

Celebration of Spirituals - arr. Joseph M. Martin

State Choir Contest Thank-You's

The New Mexico Activities Association would like to thank the host of the 2026 State Choir Contest, V. Sue Cleveland High School and Rio Rancho Public Schools. We thank you for your willingness to work with us and to provide a wonderful venue for the State Choir Contest participants in our state. A special thanks to:

Doug Dent, Fine Arts/Theater Tech – Cleveland High School
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Dr. Sue Cleveland, Superintendent – Rio Rancho Public Schools
Jadira Flamm, Choir Director – Cleveland High School
Kurt Schmidt, Director of Fine Arts for Rio Rancho Public Schools
Neil Swapp, Executive Director of New Mexico Music Educators Association

We would like to thank the Cleveland High School Choir for serving as runners, ensemble escorts and stage crew for the contest. A special thank you to the Rio Rancho Convention and Visitors Bureau for their sponsorship of this event. This event would not be possible without all of you!

NMAA State Choir Contest Past Champions

Year	Host	Class	Champions
2008	Albuquerque Academy	1A-3A	West Las Vegas High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Manzano High School
		MS	Koogler Middle School
2009	Capital High School	1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	West Las Vegas High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Hobbs High School
		MS	Ruidoso Middle School
2010	Albuquerque Academy	1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	Sandia Preparatory School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Eldorado High School
		MS	Lynn Middle School
2011	Albuquerque Academy	1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	West Las Vegas High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Eldorado High School
		MS	Desert Ridge Middle School & Vista Middle School (tie)
2012	Albuquerque Academy	1A-2A	Cloudcroft High School
		3A	Sandia Preparatory School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Carlsbad High School
		MS	Eisenhower Middle School
2013	Cleveland High School	1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Carlsbad High School
		MS	Eisenhower Middle School
2014	Cleveland High School	1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	Lovington High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	La Cueva High School
		MS	Eisenhower Middle School
2015	Cleveland High School	A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
		5A	Los Alamos High School
		6A	La Cueva High School
		MS	Eisenhower Middle School
		A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
2016	Cleveland High School	4A	Portales High School
		5A	Piedra Vista High School
		6A	Eldorado High School & Rio Rancho High School (tie)

2017	Cleveland High School	MS	Eisenhower Middle School
		A-6A Treble	La Cueva High School
		A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
		4A	St. Michael’s High School
		5A	Los Alamos High School
		6A	La Cueva High School
2018	Cleveland High School	MS	Lincoln Middle School
		A-6A Treble	Farmington High School
		A-3A	Capitan High School
		4A	Portales High School
		5A	Artesia High School
		6A	Piedra Vista High School and Rio Rancho High School (tie)
2019	Cleveland High School	MS	Lincoln Middle School
		A-5A Treble	Clovis High School & Volcano Vista High School (tie)
		A-3A	St. Michael’s High School
		4A	Portales High School
		5A	Piedra Vista High School
		2020 & 2021 Canceled due to pandemic	
2022	Cleveland High School	MS	Heights Middle School and Los Alamos Middle School (tie)
		A-5A Treble	Public Academy for the Performing Arts
		A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
		4A	Portales High School
		5A	Piedra Vista High School
		6A	Piedra Vista High School
2023	Cleveland High School	MS	Heights Middle School
		A-5A Treble	Public Academy for the Performing Arts
		A-3A	St. Michael’s High School
		4A	Portales High School
		5A	Clovis High School
		6A	Clovis High School
2024	Cleveland High School	MS	Heights Middle School
		A-5A Treble	Piedra Vista High School
		A-3A	St. Michael’s High School
		4A	Portales High School
		5A	Piedra Vista High School
		6A	Piedra Vista High School
2025	Cleveland High School	MS	Yucca Middle School
		A-5A Treble	Moriarty High School
		A-3A	Public Academy for the Performing Arts
		4A	Moriarty High School
		5A	Centennial High School
		6A	Centennial High School

Adjudicators' Biographies



Matt Doty, now in his thirtieth year as a Colorado music educator, is currently the Director of Choral Music Activities at Palisade High School in Palisade, Colorado, and has built its choral music program over the last fifteen years. Prior to this, he was the Director of Choral Music Activities at Bookcliff Middle School (Grand Junction), Highlands Ranch High School (Highlands Ranch), and Grand Junction High School, and served on the vocal music faculty at Colorado Mesa University.

Mr. Doty's choirs have consistently earned Superior ratings at the Colorado West Invitational Music Festival and have been named the Outstanding 4A or 5A Choir in multiple categories, including Tenor/Bass Choir, Treble Choir, Mixed Choir, Show Choir, and Jazz Choir. During the 2024–2025 school year, all five choral ensembles received Superior ratings, with three earning Outstanding 4A Choir honors. In addition, the Advanced Treble Choir, Advanced Mixed Choir, and Tenor/Bass Choir earned Superior ratings in performance and Superior and/or Excellent ratings in sight-reading at the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Large Group Choral Festival.

Mr. Doty has served twice as the Chair of the Vocal Music Council for the Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA). During his fifteen-year tenure with CMEA, he served as the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and the District #7 Representative. Several of his choirs have either performed or received an invitation to perform at the annual CMEA Conference/Clinic at the Broadmoor Hotel and Resort in Colorado Springs (1999, 2000, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2026). He represented the Western Slope of Colorado as one of the Western Governors for the Colorado All-State Choir Governing Board for many years, and continues his

service to this organization from Chair-Elect (2024-2026) to Chair (2026-2028). Mr. Doty is a vocal judge for the Colorado High School Activities Association Large Group Choral Festivals, and has also had the pleasure of traveling to Utah and New Mexico to judge state choral festivals/competitions. An advocate for music literacy within the choral classroom, Mr. Doty has presented sessions on methods and processes of rhythmic and melodic sight-reading for CMEA and the Colorado American Choral Directors Association.

Mr. Doty earned his Master of Arts Degree in Music Education with a Choral Concentration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music - Vocal Performance and Music Theatre from Mesa State College (Colorado Mesa University – Grand Junction, Colorado). He completed graduate studies in music education from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and theatre from Western Illinois University (Macomb, Illinois).

Mr. Doty looks forward to future opportunities as a guest clinician/conductor for honor choirs and judging more choral festival/competitions as he will retire at the end of this school year. When not working with choirs, Mr. Doty enjoys performing in or directing and choreographing musicals for various theatrical venues in Grand Junction.



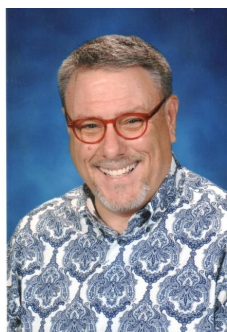
Justin Ediger is a native of Beaver, Oklahoma and is currently in his 32nd year of teaching vocal music in Oklahoma. Mr. Ediger holds both the Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. In 2005, he attained National Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Mr. Ediger is in his 29th year of instruction at Elk City Public Schools in Elk City, Oklahoma where he co-teaches one junior high and two high school choirs, and is an adjunct professor for SWOSU teaching the “History of Rock and Roll.” He also is administrator of the Elk City Pioneer Center and Kelli O’Hara Center of Performing Arts Theater.

His junior high choirs have consistently earned superior ratings in both sight-reading and concert at the district level while the Elk City High School Vocal Music program has won the OSSAA 4A Sweepstakes award 14 times. He has been guest conductor for the EOCD, COCD, ECOCD and the Southwest Kansas Choral Director’s Association honor choirs. He is a member of the Western Oklahoma Choral Director’s Association, Oklahoma Choral Director’s Association, and the Oklahoma Music Educator’s Association (past VP and All State Chair) and the Oklahoma Education Association and is a former board member and all-state Chair for both the OCDA Jazz and Junior High honor groups. He most recently served on the OkMEA Executive Board as Vocal Vice President for the state of Oklahoma. Elk City choirs have been selected four times as OkMEA honor organizations. Most recently, he was recognized by OkMEA as one of their Exemplary Choral Music Educators in Oklahoma.

Mr. Ediger has been a guest performer with recording artist Ben Folds and is a frequent adjudicator for the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association where he was awarded the 2022 OSSAA Music Educator.

In addition to teaching and performing, Mr. Ediger is chancel choir director for the Elk City United Methodist Church. He has two children and two step-children, Anna Mueller of Yukon, Drew Ediger of Norman, Jonah White of Orlando, FL and Hannah White (a junior at Southwestern Oklahoma State University). He and his wife Jo are licensed real estate brokers for RE/MAX All American Realty in Elk City and the two will have been married 12 years in May. Along with their children they have one fur baby named Bella.



Rod Zeman, even though Rod Zeman officially retired from teaching in 2020 after a 24-year career in choral music education, he is still actively involved in youth and adult choral activities, currently working part-time as an assistant choir director and mentor to the choir director at Fannin Middle School in Amarillo, and as the choir director of Amarillo United Methodist Church. He began his teaching career at Dumas Junior High School, then taught at Bonham Middle School, Tascosa High School, Crockett Middle School, Travis Middle School, Bushland High School, and Austin Middle School. His choirs were consistent UIL sweepstakes winners.

In addition, he served as the artistic director and associate artistic director of the Amarillo Youth Choirs for a number of years. Rod has also been an on-air radio personality, a worship leader, and an adjudicator of middle school and high school choirs. He is a member of the Texas Music Adjudicators’ Association and the Texas Music Educators’ Association. He is excited to be returning to New Mexico as a judge for the NMAA State Choir Contest.