



MMEA Eastern District

Massachusetts Music Educators Association

Dear Music Teacher,

The Eastern District of Massachusetts Music Educators Association is proud to announce that we will host the annual Youth Treble Chorus Festival on Saturday, May 31st, 2025

If you have students that have demonstrated a strong interest in singing, this opportunity is for you and for them! Our goal is to provide a positive experience for students to prepare and perform music for a concert with their peers. Along the way, your students will get to work with great educators and clinicians, develop their musicianship skills, and have a lot of fun!

Please review all of the following information. [Festival Registration via Google Form](#) must be submitted by **Sunday, April 20th, 2025** in order to participate. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Below is a detailed description of the festival. All information is also available on the Factsheet in the Handbook.

Rehearsals

We will be hosting the Youth Treble Chorus Festival (rehearsal and performance) on Saturday, May 31st from 8:30am-2:30pm at Framingham High School in Framingham, MA.

Students must attend rehearsals with a group chaperone. It is highly recommended that the child's music teacher participates.

Eligibility

Any student who lives in the Eastern District, participates in music instruction, and is in 4th, 5th or 6th grade during the 24-25 school year is eligible to participate.

In an effort to provide an equitable way for as many schools as possible to participate, the selection is based on your recommendation and data from your schools enrollment.

- The amount of students a teacher can recommend will be based on School enrollment in each grade level: 4th, 5th, and 6th
- For the first 100 students in the grade, teachers may recommend up to 3 singers to participate in the chorus.
- For each additional 1-50 students in a school's total enrollment of students in a grade, a teacher may recommend up to 1 additional student to the chorus.

Here is an example of school eligibility by grade:

School Name	# Enrolled/Grade	#Students recommended	School Name	# Enrolled/Grade	#Students recommended
XYZ Elementary School	60 in 4th Grade	3 Students	123 Middle School	165/6th Grade	5 Students
#\$! Elementary School	105 in 5th Grade	4 Students	ABC Middle School	250/ 6th Grade	6 Students

Selection

The Chorus will comprise 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, chosen by teacher recommendation. Music teachers should ONLY recommend students who:

- Are respectful and responsible in the music classroom and in rehearsal
- Consistently use head voice while singing and 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
- Will attend the festival on May 31st.

Cost

The registration fee is \$0. The festival fee is \$25, which includes a t-shirt. Admission for the concert is \$5.

Music Preparation

Teachers will help students prepare their music at their home school. Recorded practice tracks will be available in April on the Eastern District General Music website (http://www.mmeaeasterndistrict.org/gen_music.htm) Practicing at home with recordings is a great way for students and parents to be involved in the responsibility of preparing for the festival.

Festival Day Schedule

Saturday, May 31st, 2025

Framingham High School

8:30-9:00

Registration / Check in

9:00-12:30	Rehearsal (includes snack break)
12:30-1:15	Lunch (<i>Students should bring a nut-free bag lunch!</i>)
1:30	Concert for Family and Friends
	<i>Concert Admission is \$5</i>

We are so excited to have this festival in our district. We hope that you take advantage of this amazing experience! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

[Festival Registration via Google Form](#) must be filled out by the latest **April 20th, 2025**

The following should be brought into the festival:

- 1) Student Fees (cash, check to "MMEA-ED", or PO from your school)
- 2) Student lunch (*nut-free bag lunch*)

We look forward to seeing you at the Eastern District Youth Treble Chorus!

Musically yours,

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