



2024 All-State Honor Choir Jr. High (6-9th grade)

Dear Jr. High and Middle School Music Teachers,

This coming March, the Idaho Chapter of American Choral Association will organize an All-State Junior High School Honor Group.

Registration for student auditions is now open for the ACDA Junior High School Honor Choir! **Students in grades 6-9 are eligible to audition.** The honor choir will be a part of the ACDA statewide gathering of two honor choirs of Elementary and Junior High School on the beautiful campus of Timberline High School! Check in for the junior high singers will be on Friday, March 1st at 7:30 to 8:30 AM with rehearsals all day on Friday and all day on Saturday. Concert will be Saturday evening at 6PM.

Please visit idacda.org/allstate2024 to practice and perform the audition, upload it and pay the \$10/singer registration fee, all in one place. The auditions will be blind whereas the singers will be assigned a number and their names will be anonymous upon listening.

Each singer will sing-a-long to an audition backtrack and will: (1) sing a two-octave F major scale on "la" in their preferred octave (drop out when it gets too low), (2) a series of intervals (D major triad, D minor triad, D tri-tone, 1-8-7 starting on D), and (3) *Happy Birthday, Dear Abbie* in D major. This track can be found at idacda.org/allstate2024/jrhigh.

One of the biggest questions we get each year is how to differentiate the 6th graders. If your singer attends middle school, your 6th grader should register for the junior high honor choir. If your singer is in an elementary chorus, you should have them register for the Elementary Honor Choir.

Finally, this year's clinician for the Junior High ACDA Honor Choir will be Dan Davison. Your singers are in for a real treat in working with Mr. Davison!

Finally, the financials...

There is a \$10 nonrefundable registration/audition fee. Once accepted, the cost is \$115 to participate in this elite two-day event for Idaho's TOP performers and includes meals, and vocal coaching from Mr. Dan Davison. There will be an additional cost for 1-2 nights hotel stay if your singer is traveling to Boise. Depending on how many students your music teacher sends, there may be some split costs with other students. You will have to talk to your student's teacher about these details once the Honor Choir list is posted.

The cost is \$115 per student to participate to defray the cost of music, practice tracks, t-shirt, lunch and dinner, a full day of rehearsals with our wonderful clinician, and the chance to

perform at Timberline High School Auditorium. We also have opportunities for families, educators, and community members to provide extra funds to support students that may not have access to this event due to financial restraints. If you or members in your community are interested in sponsoring a Jr. High student to attend All-State, please visit this link:

<https://idacda.org/donate>

We would like to make this an epic year for these students! The audition is simple and easy to submit. We would like to see a great turn out for this chorus. Deadline for registration and audition submission is Monday, December 18. We will be notifying your singer's choral teacher of our accepted students by January 8, and will have more details about the conference schedule.

I do hope you will encourage your singer to audition!

Best regards,
Kerry Calverley and Megan Kotter
ACDA Junior High Honor Choir Co-Chairs

Director's Checklist (once students have been accepted)

Please read these instructions carefully and follow the checklist to ensure that your students are properly registered for the Jr. High All-State Honor Choir. Failure to do so can prevent your student's participation in the All-State group.

- ☐ Distribute *Medical Form/Release of Liability Form, Student Contract, and Parent Information Sheet* to all students/parents selected for the Jr. High All-State Honor Choir. You can either hand out hard copies or email the forms for them to fill out and scan.
- ☐ Collect all *Medical Forms/Release of Liability Forms, Student Contracts*, and fees from the students/parents.
- ☐ Register all singers at idacda.org/allstate2024. You will need to know singers' name; t-shirt size; gender (male/female/unstated); grade; voice part (soprano/alto); home address; and parent/guardian name/phone/email.
- ☐ Directors will collect money from parents and then make one large payment online for all students. This payment can be made by credit card or purchase order. If paying with a PO please get that going right away so they can be received by January 12th. An invoice will be emailed to you. You may need to check your spam folders; please check both email addresses you submitted with registration. **Include this invoice with your mailed check to**

assure that payment is properly applied. - Please include the memo *IDACDA All-State 2024* on your checks.

- ☐ The amount to pay is \$115 per student.
- ☐ Copy all forms for your records.
- ☐ Send *Medical Form/Release of Liability Form* and *Student Contract* for each student via snail mail or email to:

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The AUDITION DEADLINE for completed audition submission and \$10 audition fee is due by MIDNIGHT ON December 15th. If your forms or fees are going to be late, please contact Kerry Calverley or Megan Kotter via email. If we do not receive advance notice there will be a late fee charged.

ACDA has purchased original copies of the music. **Music will be sent out to each student via the director January 8th after fees and forms have been received.** It is the director's responsibility to make sure students bring their music to the Honor Choir event. No photocopies of the music will be permitted for use during the Honor Choir event.

REFUND POLICY: Students will receive a refund when the music is returned to the choir director and ACDA manager. Refunds will not be provided after February 1st, 2024.

Important Dates

- December 20th Registration and Audition Payments Due
- January 15th Music Distributed, Practice tracks available
- January 12th Registration and Payments Due
- February 1st schedule emailed to directors
- March 1st All-State Check In 7:30-8:00 a.m. - Timberline High School