

All-Region Choir

What is All-Region Choir? The All-Region Choir is a group of dynamic singers from various schools within a given region. Springdale is in Region 5. This is one of the most competitive choral regions in the state, meaning most of the schools around this area have very strong choral programs. Individual students from each school audition. Those that qualify will sing with the Region 5 All-Region Choir.

Who can audition? Choral students in grades 7th -12th are allowed to audition for the all-region choirs. There are two separate events: Jr. High All-Region (7th-9th) and Sr. High All-Region (10th-12th). Students must be enrolled in a choir class to audition. *Students must meet **Arkansas Activities Association academic eligibility requirements** to compete in any event governed by AAA and Arkansas Choral Directors Association.* Auditions last ALL-DAY. *It is impossible* to know when you will audition.

When are auditions? *Senior High Auditions will be Saturday, October 3* at Southwest Jr. High. *Junior High Auditions will be Saturday, October 10* at Har-Ber High School.

How many choirs are there at All-Region? **Junior High All-Region** is made up of a **Treble Chorus** and a **TTB chorus**. The treble choirs are made up of soprano and alto voices. The TTB chorus is made up of tenor and bass voices.

The **Senior High All-Region** is made up of one mixed / SATB chorus, a treble chorus and a TTBB Chorus.

Tell me about the audition: Students must first be placed on a particular voice part. (From highest to lowest: Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto I, Alto II, Tenor I, Tenor II, Bass I and Bass II) The students will be given several pieces of music and practice tracks. This year the rehearsal tracks will be on Google Classroom. **Students must practice several times a week or every day.** Music will be taught in class. There will be extra rehearsals for students who are auditioning. Each student will practice his/her respective voice part. Specific parts of the music will be selected for the audition. Students will be given a certain page and measure number to

begin and end singing on each of the pieces. Junior high students find out their audition cuts the ***day before*** auditions. The senior high students find out their audition cuts the ***morning of auditions***. Auditions last ALL-DAY. It is impossible to know when you will audition. Please see the slide show at the end of this document.

What happens when you make it? Students who make the All-Region Choir will participate in an all-day clinic. This year the Jr. High Clinic will be at Springdale High School on October 24th and the Senior High Clinic will be at Har-Ber High School on October 25th. A guest director (clinician) will put finishing touches on the songs rehearsed for the auditions. Finally, the voice parts will sing together! That afternoon or evening there will be a concert for family and friends. It is a huge event involving students from various schools in the region.

Students in senior high who score high (the top 20 chairs) and qualify for the mixed chorus may also qualify to audition for the Arkansas All-State Choir. There is NO ALL-STATE CHOIR FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS.

Why should choral students audition for All-Region? This is a great opportunity to sing with some of the finest singers in the state! The level of music is usually more advanced, exposing singers to various language pieces and different styles of music. All-Region is a challenge and gives students a sense of accomplishment. It is also looked at by many college choral directors. It may increase one's ability to get a choral or voice scholarship in the future. The students will also be able to list this accomplishment on their high school resume. Students will also meet new people and possibly make new friends. It is also our first individual assessment and performance. All-Region participation is an expectation of the Springdale Schools choral programs.

I love the All-Region Choir experience! Springdale Schools have had thousands of students go through the audition process. It is a rewarding experience for most and a learning experience for all. Our new standards require students to be assessed individually. This allows students to have a blind audition. It also allows students to see areas of weakness or strength. We devote 8-9-weeks of rehearsal to all-region music.

At DTSOI our 7th-12th choral students participate in All-Region. It is considered our first performance of the year. We are the only school in Springdale who allows 7th graders to audition. Other schools in the region allow their 7th grade students to audition.

[All-Region Audition Information Slides](#) (Created by ArkCDA)

DTSOI Choirs who will participate in Sr. High All-Region Auditions:

3B Concert Choir

3B Chamber Choir

DTSOI Choirs who will participate in Jr. High All-Region Auditions:

1A Treble Choir / Bella Voce

1B Advanced Treble Choir

3A Advanced Tenor/Bass Choir

All students have access to Practice Tracks on Google Classroom.

Students in choir ARE EXPECTED to practice every day.