

November 19, 2025

Dear Families of 6th grade choir students,

Your student has expressed an interest in auditioning to participate in this year's ILMEA District 3 6th Grade All-State Chorus. ILMEA is a prestigious, one day festival that joins 6th grade singers from around the state, together into one choir. Students must audition to participate in this event and if selected, learn the music through rehearsals and independent practicing. This festival also has a jr. high and high school portion, and participating in the elementary portion would give them a glimpse into future opportunities and help prepare them!

Students interested in auditioning for the District 3 ILMEA 6th Grade All-State Chorus will audition after school on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. Up to 10 students from Evans will be selected to attend. They will prepare and sing a portion of "Starry Night of Winter", from rehearsal number 44-54.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this permission slip no later than **Monday, November 24th**. By signing below, you are committing to the following:

- If selected, your student will: attend the festival day on **Saturday, January 31st**, at the Peoria Civic Center.
- You will attend the concert and take your student home (*there will be no school transportation home*),
- You will pay the \$10 participation fee in cash or check made payable to Unit 5 by **Monday, January 12th**.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at beerjr@unit5.org.

Sincerely,

Julia R. Beer

Evans Choirs, 6, 7 & 8

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Yes, I have checked my schedule and given my permission for my student to attend the ILMEA 6th Grade All-State Festival.

_____ I will attend the concert on January 31st, and will take my student home following the concert.

Please do not send a check until auditions have been completed and results have been announced.