

Huntsville All-City Choral Festival 2015

Information and Guidelines for HIGH SCHOOL Students

Dear parents and students:

We are delighted that you have chosen Choral Music as one of your electives this year. A highlight of each year's choral experience is the Huntsville City School's All-City Choral Festival. The festival is sponsored by the Huntsville City Schools Choral Director's Association (HCSCDA). Two outstanding choral directors have been invited to serve as guest conductors for this year's festival and concert. The concert will be Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 600 Governors Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. The following choirs will perform:

6 th Grade Treble Choir	6 th grade girls & boys
Middle School Mixed Choir	7 th grade girls & all middle school boys with changed voices
8 th & 9 th Grade Girls Choir	8 th & 9 th Grade Girls
High School Mixed Choir	10 th -12 th Grade Girls & all high school boys

Any high school student enrolled in a choral music program is eligible to audition for the choir that fits his or her grade and voice classification.

Auditions for 9th grade girls will be held at Huntsville Junior High School on Monday, September 28. Huntsville Middle is located at 817 Adams Street. Park in the back parking lot and then enter the school through the main doors and follow the signs to registration.

Auditions for all other high school students will be held at Lee High School on Tuesday, September 29.

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN TIMES

9th grade girls, 4:00-5:15 (Mon, Sept. 28 at Huntsville Junior High School)

9th grade boys and all 10th thru 12th graders, 3:45 – 5:30 (Tues, Sept. 29 at Lee High School)

IN ORDER TO AUDITION, THE STUDENT MUST:

1. Learn all assigned choral selections completely and be prepared to accurately sing portions from these selections.
2. Confirm with his/her choral director a commitment to audition for the festival choir. High school directors will complete and submit the necessary registration forms for high school students.
3. Be present for audition at the assigned audition time and complete the entire audition.

AUDITION PROCEDURES

Audition times will be assigned in order of first come, first served. On arriving at the audition site, students should immediately go to the sign-in table where they will be assigned to an audition group. Auditions are accomplished in groups of 12 to 15 students each. While 9th grade girls will sing their audition as a group, each student auditioning for the S-A-T-B choir will sing individually in turn, an assigned portion of each of the choral works to be performed by the Festival Choir. Each student will be judged on his/her knowledge of the music, beauty and vitality of tone, and pitch matching.

AUDITION RESULTS

Students will be notified of audition results on Wednesday, September 30. Directors will notify the students at their respective schools

FEES

There is no audition fee.

A participation fee of \$30.00 is charged for all students who pass the audition and are selected to participate in the All-City Festival. The participation fee covers student medals, guest conductor expenses, and concert facility use. By charging this fee, there will be no admission charge to the concert or parking expense. **SEND NO MONEY NOW**. The fee will be collected after auditions are completed.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is imperative that students be present for the entire All-City Choral Festival. If a student is late to or absent from any scheduled rehearsal, he/she will be dismissed from the Festival Choir and will not be allowed to sing in the All-City Concert. Students must sing in the concert to receive a medal.

FESTIVAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

PARENTS, PLEASE BE PROMPT ABOUT PICKUP TO ENSURE SAFETY.

Monday, October 26	1:00-3:30 6:00-9:00	6 th & 7 th grade girls and all boys 8 th grade girls and ALL HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 27	8:00-11:00 11:00-11:30 1:00-3:30	6 th & 7 th grade girls and all boys Battle Hymn – ALL STUDENTS except 8 th grade girls 8 th grade girls and ALL HIGH SCHOOL

FESTIVAL CONCERT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 27	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Students report to seats All-City Festival Concert Begins
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Thank you,

James Kendrick, Director
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