

Huntsville All-City Choral Festival 2015

Information and Guidelines for Middle 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 in the Huntsville City Schools is the All-City Choral Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Huntsville City Schools Choral Directors 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 on Governors Drive.

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 middle school student enrolled in a choral music program is eligible to audition for the choir which fits his or her grade and voice classification. The auditions will be held at Huntsville Middle School on Monday, September 28, and Tuesday, September 29. Students may audition on either of these days. Huntsville Middle is located at 817 Adams Street. Please park in the back, enter the school through the main doors and follow the signs to registration.

REGISTRATION TIMES

6th grade girls & boys	3:45-5:00 either day
8 th /9 th grade girls	4:00-5:15 (8 th either day, 9 th Monday only)
7 th grade girls & all other middle school boys	4:00-5:30 either day

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION TIMES ARE STAGGERED. THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN ORDER TO REGISTER STUDENTS MORE QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY.

IN ORDER TO AUDITION, THE STUDENT MUST:

1. Learn three or four all city selections completely and be prepared to sing portions from these selections
All students will audition in small groups of 10-12 with equal numbers in parts as much as possible.
2. Complete a registration form signed by the student, his/her parent, and his/her choral director.

AUDITION PROCEDURES

Students should go to the registration desk for their choir. Give the adult at the desk your name, the name of your school, and your voice part. Students will be assigned a number and directed to a waiting area. Students will wait until their number is called for the vocal audition. Each student will be judged on his/her knowledge of the music, beauty and vitality of tone, and pitch matching. Students will be notified of audition results on Wednesday, September 30. Directors will notify the students at their respective schools

FEES

A fee of \$30.00 is charged for all students who pass the audition and are selected to participate in the All-City festival. This 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 the auditions.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

PARENTS, PLEASE BE PROMPT ABOUT PICKUP TO ENSURE SAFETY.

Monday, October 26	1:00-3:30	6 th & 7 th grade girls and all boys
	6:00-9:00	8 th grade girls and all high school
Tuesday, October 27	8:00-11:00	6 th & 7 th grade girls and all boys
	11:00-11:30	Battle Hymn – all students except 8 th grade girls
	1:00-3:30	8 th grade girls and all high school
Tuesday, October 27	7:00	ALL CITY CONCERT Students report to their seats at 6:30 All students should wear their choir uniforms.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Because there will be no rehearsals prior to the actual all city festival, it is imperative that students be present for the entire festival at First Baptist in order to rehearse with the clinicians and sing in the concert. Students must sing in the concert to receive a medal. Attendance at each rehearsal is taken and if a student is tardy or absent, he/she will be dismissed from the festival and will not be able to sing in the concert.

Attached is an all city registration form. If your child would like to audition for one of the all city choirs, please fill out the bottom portion and return it to me by Friday, September 25. (Students who audition will receive extra credit.)

Thank you,

**Karen Anderson, director
HJHS Choirs**