

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALL-STATE ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR

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*****REMEMBER** - HAVE COPY OF MEMBERSHIP CARD OR CONFIRMATION OF RENEWAL
WITH AUDITION REGISTRATION***

Who may audition?

Any student in fifth or sixth grade taught by MMEA members in good standing.
Please know that students who are in foster care, CAN NOT be photographed or videoed by state law.
Unfortunately, students cannot participate in this choir without a release and the state of MS will not authorize an exception for this. Please choose your representative students accordingly.

How many may audition?

1. Number of students is based per teacher NOT per school.
2. If the combined enrollment of your school's fifth and sixth grades equals 300 or less, you can audition 5 students.
3. If the combined enrollment of your school's fifth and sixth grade equals 301 or more, you can audition 3% of that number. ALWAYS round DOWN and provide documentation on school letterhead and signed by principal. Include WITH your mailed audition registration.

****PLEASE NOTE**** If you teach fifth and/or sixth grade at two or more schools, please contact Jennifer Milner immediately.

Where and when are auditions?

North - Hernando United Methodist Church, Hernando - October 8 - 1890 Mount Pleasant Road, Hernando

Mail to:

Christian Feazell	870-723-0468
4800 Alexander Road	christian.feazell@dcsms.org
Olive Branch, MS 38654	

Central - St. Anthony Catholic School, Madison - October 1 - 1585 Old Mannsdale Road, Madison

Mail to:

Joey Coleman	601-260-6356
5025 Hwy 80 East	jcolemanedu516@gmail.com
Pearl, MS 39208	

South - Singing River Academy, Gautier - October 15 - 4601 Gautier-Vancleave Rd, Gautier

Mail to:

Laura Hubbard	Cell 228-218-2273
3615 Suter Rd.	Home 228-497-8154
Gautier, MS 39553	lhubbard@psd.ms or laura.hubbard@ymail.com

****Please adhere to audition schedule once released. Last minute changes the day of may not be honored.****

What do the students sing?

1. Path to the Moon - Eric Thiman - Boosey and Hawkes - JW Pepper 1511864 - 24 total points per judge
Memorize first verse, sing with live accompaniment at audition. Please work on accuracy of intervals and rhythms.
2. Happy Birthday - Starting on "D" - 3 points per judge - perfect score is singing completely in key, no embellishments. Please visit this URL address for original notation:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy_Birthday_to_You
3. Tonal Memory - A two-measure melodic line played once on the piano. - 3 points per judge
Student sings back on "lah". If students miss it, the judges will ask for the pattern to be re-played and Student may try a second time. Patterns are selected by Honor Choir Chair and transmitted digitally to site chairs the afternoon before auditions.

What is the setting of the auditions?

Students will individually enter the room and give the judges his/her judging sheets. Students will sing for the panel of three judges. Teacher can be present in the judging room, OUT OF SIGHT OF STUDENT. Typically, the audition order is that listed in the category above.

When is the audition information due?

Site chairs need your audition information **TWO WEEKS** prior to the audition date. Check your calendars. If you are going to be later than that, call your site chair so they know what to expect. Of course, the earlier you mail your information, the more likely you will get your desired audition time slot. Audition fee checks/money orders are to be made payable **ONLY** to **MMEA**. Please make sure this is made clear to whomever is writing your check.

So...my student(s) made it, now what? ****PLEASE READ EVERY FORM CAREFULLY****

1. I will do my best to email the list of accepted students before the end of October, **pay special attention to voice assignment.**
2. Mail me your honor choir registration form and (non-refundable) participation fee by December 1st. I need ONE CHECK for all your students from your school made payable to **MMEA**, or a money order. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND SIGN YOUR MONEY ORDERS!!**
3. You **MUST BE REGISTERED** to attend the conference in order for your student to participate. The \$15.00 music packet fee **DOES NOT** register you for conference. This fee is for your copy of the all-state music to keep you in compliance with national copyright laws.
4. Make sure your form is complete **with heights** for riser placement, t-shirt sizes and correctly spelled names. All lists will be generated with the spelling you submit on this form! It is strongly suggested that student t-shirts be ordered a size too big - THE CHILDREN GROW!
5. Mail me all other necessary forms and fees with the registration form. **Pay special attention to instructions on the different forms. Separate payment may be required.**
6. J. W. Pepper will mail the music in December to the address listed on your teacher registration form. Music will not be mailed to you until you have registered your students for honor choir.
7. The practice tracks will be made available via Dropbox or Google Drive. Although learning the music is ultimately the students' responsibility, **please work with your students**. Those babies are representing you. The better they know the music; the easier honor choir weekend will be.
8. Keep an eye on the website for hotel listings.
9. I will email you a schedule for the weekend as we get closer to the event date.

****PLEASE pay attention to the voicing assignments, the balance of the choir depends on this!!**

Ok...we're in Hattiesburg, what happens now? (Give this page to parents/chaperones)

1. Chaperones sign-in students outside the rehearsal room. Students need to use restroom BEFORE entering the rehearsal room.
2. Student will find their assigned seat and WILL NOT leave the rehearsal room until the first break. Chaperones are requested to be available for extended breaks as indicated in schedule.
3. Make sure to have enough chaperones that you do not have to miss teacher activities. You will not always be in the same building as your students. And your schedule most likely will not correspond with his/hers.
4. Honor Choir Chair reserves the right to recruit chaperones to help keep students accountable to what is expected during rehearsals and breaks.
5. ONLY water is allowed in the rehearsal room. Please, no food or candy - it will be confiscated.
6. Hats are to be REMOVED from heads upon entering rehearsal room.
7. Attention is required at all times. These students were hand-chosen by teachers to audition, making them the best at their school. Their presence in this choir makes them the best in the entire state. In 2015, 443 students auditioned and only 176 made the choir. This is a VERY special honor!
8. I, the honor choir chair, can be as nice or as mean as necessary. I prefer to be nice! But that is purely determined by the efforts and attitudes of the students.
9. Please dress school appropriate for entire honor choir weekend.

What do students wear for the concert?

1. Students will wear choir t-shirt and SOLID BLACK from the waist down.
2. Girls and boys are to wear black pants. Black gauchos are acceptable as long as black hose/stockings are worn. Black skirts are allowed for religious reasons, be sure to have black hose/stockings as well.
3. ONLY solid black, closed-toe shoes please. AVOID heels.
4. Teachers, be sure to stress this and/or personally approve attire BEFORE coming for Honor Choir weekend.

Photo/Video Release Form

AUTHORIZATION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR AUDIO-VISUAL

I, (parent's name) _____, hereby authorize The MS Music Educators Association, (MMEA), to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may

pertain to my child (child's name) _____ including his/her image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public service advertising (PSAs) or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on the MS Music Educators Association Internet Web Page. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my (parent) specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, MMEA may publish materials, use my child's name, photograph, and/or make reference to my child in any manner that MMEA deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Signature of Parent

Print Child's Name

Date

Music Teacher Name _____

School _____

**Mississippi Music Educators Association Elementary Division
All State Honor Choir Auditions Teacher Registration Form**

Mail this form to your site chair

PLEASE PRINT

Director name _____

NAfME Number (required) _____

Please include copy of your membership form or a copy of your confirmation of renewal.

Director Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

We will use this address to send honor choir results and information. All teachers will receive the acceptance list.

School/Organization _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

*Each MMEA member may audition 5 students. If your 5th and 6th grade enrollment exceeds 301 students, you are eligible to audition 3% of that enrollment. **You must attach a letter on official school letterhead from your principal/counselor verifying your 5th and 6th grade enrollment.**

Number of Students to Audition _____ Verification of enrollment included _____

Accompanist Needed? _____ Yes _____ No

(Separate \$4.00 per child fee to be paid directly to the accompanist)

Preferred Audition Site (check one)-Any special scheduling requests (chairs not required to honor requests)

North _____

Central _____

South _____

Audition fee is \$10.00 per student. No cash accepted.

Pay by SCHOOL check or money order.

ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAYABLE ONLY TO: MMEA

Deadline: Two weeks prior to audition date - CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

Mississippi Music Educators Association
Elementary Division Honor Choir Student Audition Form
Need THREE of these forms per student auditioning at audition site

Student Name _____

Grade (circle one) 5 6

Director Name _____

Director Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

School Name _____

Phone number # _____ e-mail _____

Evaluation areas:

Ratings: 0=Unacceptable/5=Outstanding

1) Prepared Selection (The Path to the Moon)

Accuracy of pitch, rhythm, and words (0-5) _____

Vocal Quality (resonant, clear, natural) (0-5) _____

Musicality (phrasing, breath control, expressiveness) (0-5) _____

Diction (Correct vowels sounds, clear consonants) (0-5) _____

Posture (poise, presence) (0-4) _____

2) Pitch Accuracy (Happy Birthday)

Accuracy of pitch, rhythm, and intervals (0-3) _____

Begin and end in key

3) Tonal Memory (tonal pattern on "la")

(0-unsatisfactory; 1-somewhat got it; 2-mostly got it; 3-perfect) (0-3) _____

Total Score _____

Judge Signature _____

Do not add any personal information to this sheet.

Student Elementary All State Honor Choir Registration

Return this form no later than December 1, 2016 to:

Jennifer Milner, Elem HC Chair
10775 Hwy 15 South
Pontotoc, MS 38863

_____ Participation fee of \$65.00 for each student*

_____ Teacher Music Packet fee of \$15.00 - does not register teachers for conference.

Please send one school or organization check, or money order, with your name attached.

Personal checks or cash will not be accepted. **Include copy of membership card.**

Director's Name _____

Director's Home Address _____

School Organization _____

E-Mail _____ Phone # _____

Incomplete forms will delay delivery of music.

T shirts are available in Youth large, Adult small, medium, large, and extra-large.

*If Adult XX-large is needed the fee is \$67.00

Student Name PLEASE PRINT	Height In INCHES (5'2" would be 62")	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL, etc.)

Spelling of student names will be double checked against this document.

Teachers, please make every effort to **pre-register** for the conference.

You **MUST** register and pay to attend the conference in order for your students to participate.

Please list students with special dietary needs and include their restriction.

i.e. - gluten, nut allergies, etc.

T-shirt Order Form for Teachers and Parents

Please mail by December 1st with Honor Choir registration
Can include in school check or send in separate money order.

Please make sure money orders are filled out and signed.

All-state students automatically get a t-shirt

Name _____

Honor Choir Student _____

Music Teacher _____

Size and Amount

_____ Adult Small x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult Medium x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult Large x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult XL x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult XXL x \$14.00 = _____

_____ Adult XXXL x \$14.00 = _____

Total shirts _____ Total amount included _____

ACDA/MMEA State Convention - March 19-21, 2015

**Picnic Ticket Reservation Form for Parents/Chaperones and
NON-All-State Honor Choir Students**

NO picnic tickets will be sold at the conference.
Purchased tickets will be available at the elementary honor choir sign-in table

**Please note - all registered teachers and all-state honor choir students
automatically receive picnic tickets.**

Parent Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Honor Choir Student Name

Number of picnic tickets requested @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Can be included in school check or in separate money order. Please make sure money orders are filled out and signed.