

District/State Festival Choir Audition Procedures

REPERTOIRE

The three audition pieces and information concerning the purchase of a rehearsal CD may be found by visiting www.ksmea.org and accessing the State Festival Choir page.

AUDITION BLOCKS

Students and chaperones should report to the Baldwin Junior High School auditorium on Saturday, November 6th, at the time indicated for their school on the “Audition Times” link. Students should bring audition music and a pencil. Dress is casual. Packets containing the cuts, final instructions and student audition numbers will be available to directors at the registration table in the lobby 30 minutes prior to the audition block.

REGISTRATION

Teachers will distribute audition numbers to their students. Students will then move into the auditorium to receive instructions, and to hear a recording of all audition passages. Students should be prepared to mark the excerpts in their scores at this time. After the excerpts for each part have been played, students will be called by number, and escorted to the audition rooms. Once students are in the auditorium for instructions, teachers should report to their assigned workstations.

AUDITIONING

Auditions are blind; students will not see judges, and judges will not see students. No student should speak, or move into the view of judges, while in the audition room. The door monitor will announce the student’s audition number. The audition is performed with a CD that plays all parts on a piano. Three judges will individually rate the student’s performance. Rating sheets will not be available to teachers or students. Students will then move to the designated room for their sight-singing portion of the audition. If you have a student who is visually impaired, please contact the high school vocal chair prior to the audition so the necessary accommodations can be made.

RESULTS

Audition results for the KMEA Northeast District choir will be posted on the district website by Monday morning or as soon as possible. Please do not call or have students call asking when the results will be posted. Results for all statewide festival groups will be posted on the state website in late December.

District: www.neksmea.org State: www.ksmea.org

PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT CHOIR

Additional pieces will be performed by the Northeast District Choir and will be listed in the District Repertoire link. Preparation is key to the success of these additional pieces.

Students must fully participate in the district mini-convention on Saturday, December 4th in order to remain eligible for the Statewide Festival Choir in February. This includes being on time for all rehearsal sessions, behaving in a professional manner, and remaining in attendance for the duration of the district concert.