

## All-District Chorus Information

### What is All-District Chorus?

All-District Chorus provides an opportunity for singers from District 13 to rehearse challenging music and work with a distinguished choral conductor at an advanced level. At the middle school level, there is one SATB choir with 90 to 100 singers. This choir will be directed by Mr. William Southerland, Ph.D. in music education candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he also is a professor of choral music methods and ukulele performance.

### When is All-District Chorus?

All-District Chorus auditions will be held at Albermarle High School on Friday, November 1, 2019. The All-District Chorus rehearsals will be held on February 7 and 8, 2020 with the public concert on February 8 at Fluvanna County High School.

### How do I prepare for the audition?

The audition requires preparation of singing the first verse of *My Country Tis of Thee* (accompanied) in one of the following keys:

- Soprano - Eb
- Alto - C
- Tenor - F
- Bass - C

Sightreading:

- 8 measures Do to Sol
- Quarter notes and rest, half notes and rests, whole notes
- Students will be given chords I, IV, V, I and then Do
- 30 seconds to look over sightreading - can sing, clap, solfege out loud

Recordings of *My Country Tis of Thee* and sightreading chords can be found at <https://amschoral.weebly.com/all-district-chorus-auditions.html>

### How do I sign-up for the audition?

1. Read the VCDA District Chorus Commitment Form.
2. Turn in your SIGNED Commitment Form by **Thursday, October 10**.
3. Turn in a check for \$7, payable to *Amherst Middle School*. This covers the cost of your audition.
4. **All money and forms must be turned in by Thursday, October 10 no later than 3:00 pm or you will not be allowed to audition.**

All forms are attached and available online. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [cbadgett@amherst.k12.va.us](mailto:cbadgett@amherst.k12.va.us) or on Edmodo.

## All-District Chorus Audition Day Procedures

When: Friday, November 1, 2019  
Where: Albermarle High School  
2775 Hydraulic Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

### Registration:

We will arrive 30 minutes prior to our school's scheduled block to audition. Students will be given a card with their audition number at registration. **You must keep track of this card!**

### Warm-up:

Students will have the opportunity to warm-up in a designated area of the school. There may be CD players and/or pianos located around the room for the students' use.

### Audition:

Your audition number will be called when the judges are ready for you. Student helpers or the director will lead you to the audition room. You will hand your card and audition sheet to the student helper as you enter the audition room. These are blind auditions (2 judges per voice part), so you are **NOT** allowed to speak. If you have a question, you should whisper to the room monitor.

The room monitor will announce you by your number and the judges will ask the monitor to begin playing the CD. You should sing *My Country Tis of Thee* beautifully with your best vocal ability and then do sight-reading confidently.

### After the auditions:

As a class, we will stop for a quick lunch near Albermarle County High school and return to Amherst Middle School.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS COMMITMENT FORM

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Height in inches: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director: \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH & INSURANCE INFORMATION

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial here if no insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

*Any student enrolled in a music performance organization as recognized by the school division (performance-based ensemble within the school curriculum), and who is recommended by the director of that organization, is eligible to audition for All-District Chorus, Workshop Chorus, or any choral group selected for the event. Students must be enrolled in the choral program at the time of the auditions and at the time of the All-District Chorus event. Schools using an alternative from of scheduling may request a waiver of this requirement from the President's Committee.*

This student has my recommendation and endorsement for being selected as a member of the All-District Chorus. I understand that the student's director or a chaperone, which must be designated in writing, is required to accompany him/her to this event. It is further understood that the choral director must be a member of NAFME/VMEA or pay a non-member participation fee in order for this student to participate.

Choral Director Signature

Principal Signature

### ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS CONTRACT

I have read and understood all Event Rules & Regulations, Rehearsal Expectations, and Consequences that apply to participation in the All-District Chorus event. I further understand that this form with the required signatures must be submitted on time to the Chair of All-District Chorus before this student is permitted to participate in the All-District Chorus event to be held on the scheduled dates:

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> (Snow date: Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>)**

I authorize the choir director of my child's school or an official of All-District Chorus to take any precautions deemed necessary by a qualified physician. I understand that this would be done only in an emergency situation.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

## ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS CONTRACT

*(All regulations on this page must be read and attached to or printed on the reverse side of the previous signature page.)*

### EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Transportation is the responsibility of the individual students in accordance with local school policies as determined by the school administration.
2. Members of the All-District Chorus may not miss any rehearsal during the event. The only exception is if the student has a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sponsored competition which conflicts with the All-District Chorus event. In this case, those students may only miss one rehearsal block. One rehearsal block is defined as a break to break on a single day. Students involved in such a conflict must submit a written request including the *name of the student, VHSL event conflict, rehearsal block to be missed* to the All-District Chorus Chairman prior to the event. The Chairman is responsible for determining a ruling with the All-District Chorus Committee. If a student does not communicate this information prior to the All-District Chorus event, he/she will not be excused regardless of the reason.
3. Students who become ill during All-District Chorus may be excused from rehearsals and/or the concert without penalty with the approval of their choral director and District Choral representative. Excused absences due to illness will be determined only on the condition that the student's illness is severe enough that continued participation would be harmful to the student's health and/or that of other participants in the All-District Chorus.
4. When necessary, students will be housed in a hotel/motel or private homes close to the host school. Whenever possible, at least two students from each school will be housed in the same room/house. No housing assignments will be changed by the student.
5. At All-District Chorus Auditions or All-District Chorus, students, home school choral directors, and home schools will be liable for any destruction, theft, or damage to the host school, and motel or home used for housing during the event.

### REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. The student will conduct herself/himself as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest honors in choral music in the state of Virginia.
2. The student will prepare all of the event music before attending the first rehearsal.
3. The student will sing only the part for which he/she auditioned and/or was assigned.
4. The student will sit in her/his assigned seat during every rehearsal unless officially changed.
5. The student will be in place when the conductor begins each rehearsal.
6. The student will have her/his own music, a black folder and a pencil for all rehearsals.
7. The student will stay on task and refrain from talking and using cell phones during rehearsal.
8. The student will sing with proper tone at the proper dynamic level as directed by the conductor.
9. The student will maintain proper posture while singing: *sit/stand up straight, both feet on the floor, music up, eyes on the conductor*.
10. The student will remain in the announced designated areas for all rehearsals, meals and event activities.
11. The student will NOT bring/consume any food or drink, other than water, in the rehearsal areas.
12. The student will NOT chew gum during rehearsal.

### CONSEQUENCES:

1. A warning will be given to any student who does not comply with the Rehearsal Expectations outlined above. If the student refuses to comply yet a second time, he/she will be dismissed from All-District Chorus
2. A student who leaves the All-District site without permission will be dismissed from All-District Chorus.
3. A student who misses any rehearsal - unless properly excused for VHSL, illness or in cases of immediate emergency – will be dismissed from All-District Chorus.
4. In the event a student is dismissed because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations, no monies will be refunded.
5. In the event a student is dismissed because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations, the dismissal will be reported in writing to the student's choral director, principal and parents/guardians.
6. A student who is dismissed from All-District Chorus because of failure to adhere to the Event Rules & Regulations or Rehearsal Expectations will be disqualified/ineligible for All-VA Chorus.

