



Delaware All-State Junior Chorus

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DELAWARE ALL STATE JUNIOR CHORUS 2017-2018

Delaware All-State Junior Chorus is open by audition to any 7th and 8th grade public, private or parochial student in the State of Delaware who participates in his or her school choir. For students to be eligible, the teacher/director of the qualifying ensemble must be a member of DMEA. Every year approximately 350 students audition for the choir and between 100 to 150 students are selected to participate. A guest conductor is brought in to work with the students and a concert is given following two days of intense rehearsal. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet students from other schools, learn about what other choirs in the state are doing and work with a guest conductor who will no doubt bring another perspective to the choral art.

Below you will find the audition requirements and a list of dates including the date of the audition, the dates/times of rehearsals, and the date/time of the concert. If your child will be unable to attend one of the rehearsals or the concert, he or she should not audition. When children audition, make it and then drop out, they have taken someone else's seat in the choir who would have been able to be there.

Applications and audition practice materials have been provided to your singer's director. Your singer's director will advise you as to when and how the completed application and \$15 application fee are due to them. This process may differ from school to school, and district to district. Each school will send one consolidated check with the completed applications to DMEA for processing. DMEA will not accept individual payments from students or families.

If your child is accepted into the chorus, attendance at every rehearsal for the full rehearsal time, as well as attendance at the concert is mandatory. Please refer to the DMEA All-State Operations Manual (DMEA website) as well as the DMEA All-State Contract (All-State application) for detailed regulations.

Important Dates and Locations

- November 18, 2017 - Choral Auditions – Smyrna Middle School
- January 27, 2018 - Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal 9:00 AM - Noon
New Castle County: Springer Middle School
Kent/Sussex County: Smyrna Middle School
- February 3, 2018 - Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal 9:00 AM - Noon
- February 10, 2018 – Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal -Inclement Weather Make-up Date
- February 22-23, 2018 – State Rehearsals 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Seaford Middle School
- February 24, 2018 – Rehearsal (1:00 PM) and Concert (4:00 PM)
Seaford High School

Audition Requirements

- **Quartet** *Dies Irae* - Mozart, SATB, CPDL
<http://www3.cpd.org/wiki/images/6/68/Ws-moz-6262.pdf>
(Link also available on DMEA website)

Music will begin at M. 20. Begin singing at M. 22 (P) and continue to the end.

Students will sing their appropriate voice part along with a recording playing the other voice parts. Sheet music will be provided for the audition. Memorization is not required.

A note regarding the Bass part: Basses may sing the upper octave as needed for the low B-flat

Rehearsal tracks will be available by the end of September on the DMEA website.

Students will be assessed on *Tone Quality, Intonation, Pitch Accuracy, Rhythm & Tempo, and Diction & Phrasing*. Each category is worth 5 points total.

- **Sight-Reading**

- Exercise will start on the tonic and will contain only stepwise motion
- Exercise will be 4 measures in length
- Range will not exceed one octave
- Note value will not be less than eighth notes & the exercise will include rests

Keys will be as follows:

Soprano	F
Alto	C
Tenor	A flat
Baritone	E flat

****Solfège letters and numbers are below each note for the students to use if they choose.** Students will not be penalized for singing on 'la' or whatever syllable or number they desire. Students may have 2 attempts at the sight-reading and receive a total of 6 points—3 points for Rhythmic Accuracy and 3 points for Pitch Accuracy.