

HONOR CHOIR

MMEA/ACDA

CONVENTION

JUNIOR HIGH ALL-STATE HONOR CHOIR

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. An enriching SATB/SSA choral experience for outstanding middle and junior high school vocal students, statewide, organized and governed by the President-elect of our organization and SSA Chairperson.
- b. An annual event at which rehearsals and concerts take place in conjunction with the State MMEA/ACDA Convention held during the spring semester.
- c. Approximately 200 students are chosen by audition to work with nationally recognized conductors.
- d. Directors must be active members of NAFME to audition students for this honor choir.
- e. Directors should audition their most outstanding and best-prepared singers. Please do not audition students "just for the experience."
- f. The number of students each director is allowed to audition is based on a percentage of each voice part – 20% of your sopranos, 20% of your altos, 35% of your tenors, and 50% of your basses.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- a. Detailed information concerning fees, audition sites, music, etc. is given at the fall business meeting. The forms are included in this section. The audition fee of \$15 must be paid by the posted deadline.
- b. Auditions are held in September. See the Jr. High Division Calendar.
- c. 9th graders are allowed to audition provided they are not auditioning for the high school honor choir.

3. AUDITION PROCESS

- a. Students must learn two pieces statewide (ladies will learn one selection each from the SATB & SSA repertoire list). These are chosen by the conductor.
- b. Each student will audition virtually on their part singing only the sections posted on www.msmea.org. NO PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC ALLOWED!
- c. For a-cappella pieces, the voice parts will be played.
- d. Please submit one copy of the Honor Choir Audition List Form via email to the Honor Choir chairman. Those auditioning should be categorized by voice part. They will be assigned a number by the system.
- e. One adjudicator will judge treble voices (soprano, soprano 2, and alto), and one adjudicator will judge changed voices (tenor and bass). Adjudicators will hear each student and will submit comments and score virtually. If you would like the judge's comments sent to you, you will need to specify that on the Honor Choir Audition List Form. The Honor Choir chairman will e-mail the judge's comments to you upon request only.
- f. With the addition and retention of the SSA choir, treble students (who earn a spot in the honor choir) will be divided evenly between the SATB and SSA honor choirs.
- g. There is a mandatory fee of \$15 per student to audition.

4. HONOR CHOIR WEEKEND

1. Students must be at all rehearsals and must be on time. Follow your schedule very carefully and always listen to directions in case there is a change.
2. Students must show proper behavior, posture, and attention. If not, their director will be notified. They will not be allowed to participate in the Honor Choir and no refund will be given.
3. Honor Choir participation fee is \$75.00 per student.

Please send one check per school.

For the 2023-2024 school year, please send payment to:

MMEA

Attn: Ginger Partain

Jr. High President-Elect

179 Mullen Ave

Nettleton, MS 38858

gpartain@nettleton.k12.ms.us

Mississippi Music Educators Association

**Jr. High Honor Choir Registration Form
2023-2024**

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Teacher MUST be a member of NAfME for his/her students to audition for the Jr. High State Honor Choir. The teacher also must be a member at the time of the convention and *must be registered* for the convention for the students to attend the rehearsals and performance. The membership rolls will be checked prior to auditions and again prior to the conference.

Director's Name _____ NAfME # _____

School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

School Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Total number of students in performing choir(s):

Sopranos _____ Altos _____ Tenors _____ Bass _____

Estimate the number of students you wish to audition, staying within the given percentages:

Sopranos (20%) _____ Altos (20%) _____ Tenors (35%) _____ Bass (50%)

_____ Total _____ X \$15 = \$ _____ (Please send one check per school payable to MMEA Jr. High.)

Do you wish to receive the adjudicator comments for your students? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration Form Due September 6, 2023

Audition Window: September 6-22, 2023

***Also include a publicity release for each student who will be auditioning.**

Mail fees and form to:

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Photo/Video Release Form

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(child's name) _____
including his/her image, likeness and/or voice without compensation.

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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 refer to my child in any manner that MMEA deems appropriate to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Signature of Parent

Print Child's Name

Date

Teacher Name _____

School _____