

Region 18

Middle School Region Choir Auditions

Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All State Choir Auditions all across the state of Texas for High School Choir Students. In High School the auditions go in this order:

District, Region, Pre-Area, Area, All-State. Presently there are 3 All State Choirs: Treble, Men's, and Mixed. Many All State Choir members receive substantial college scholarships.

In order to prepare Middle School Choir Students for these auditions, they sponsor Region Choir Auditions. There is only one audition. Each section is divided in to Zones. The number of Zones is dependent on the number of students auditioning within a given voice part.

There are 3 choirs: 7th grade Treble (girls only), 8th grade Treble (girls only), 7th and 8th grade Boys Choir.

Students are given 4 songs to memorize. The teacher will give each student a rehearsal CD that has only THEIR part being sung. The accompaniment will also be on the CD. Although all four songs must be memorized, only 2 songs will be chosen for the audition process. Students will not know which 2 songs until the Wednesday before the auditions.

The audition process is very simple. Students arrive at the host school and look for their name on a poster that has the name of their choir and voice part, ie. 7th grade Treble choir—Soprano 1—Zone A.

When they find their name, they go to the station with that same information to receive a tag with a number. That number will be their audition number. The student will then go to the "holding room" for their choir and sit in numeric order. They must sing in numeric order or be disqualified. There will be a group warm up time and practice of the actual auditions cuts.

Students will be taken to the audition room in groups of 10. There can be no singing in the hallways. When it is a student's turn to sing, their number will be called by the door monitor. They will be allowed into the audition room where they will see a CD monitor, a music stand, and a curtain. The CD monitor will call out the student's number. The student may not talk.

The CD monitor will then start the audition CD and the student will begin singing the first cut of the first song. There will be 30 seconds between the first and second songs. After the second cut, the student will leave the audition room and return to the holding room to await their teacher.