



Alabama Vocal Association

All-State Show Choir Festival is an opportunity for students with outstanding ability and initiative to receive public recognition, to sing under the direction of nationally-recognized choral clinicians, and to perform choral literature of the highest quality.

Standing Rules for **All-State Show Choir**

A. Eligibility

1. All students who audition for All-State Show Choir must be enrolled in a high school choral program and the choral director must be a member of NAFME. If a school is on the block schedule, students who are enrolled for one semester will be eligible for all AVA activities during that entire school year.
2. Homeschool choirs must meet at least weekly in order for students in these choirs to be eligible. Homeschool choirs must be covered under an umbrella school with a governing administrator and a choral director who is a member of NAFME.
3. Students who audition for All-State Show Choir (ASSC) must be in grades 9-12.
4. Students are not required to be a member of a school show choir to audition for ASSC.
5. Students who were selected for the previous year's All-State Show Choir and did not attend, or who were dismissed from the festival are not eligible to audition for ASSC unless absences were excused. All absences are reviewed by the AVA Board of Directors. Documentation, either a doctor's excuse or funeral program, must be submitted to the AVA Executive Secretary within ten days of that year's festival.

B. Preparation for the Audition

1. ASSC music is chosen by the ASSC clinicians and approved by the AVA Board of Directors at the Summer Board Meeting. As soon as the list is finalized, it is posted on the website. It can be ordered through any music supplier. ASSC typically sings four pieces.
2. Music should be ordered at least four weeks before the auditions so that students have ample time to prepare the music.
3. Each student must have an original copy of each piece of music with measures numbered. Photocopied music may not be used during auditions. Such use will disqualify a student from auditioning for ASSC. If ASSC music ordered is still on backorder from the publisher three weeks before auditions, the director should contact the District Chair for copies of music. Photocopied music will be accepted at the ASSC audition only if the director offers proper proof in the form

of written communication from the supplier, that the music in question has been ordered four weeks prior to the audition date.

4. Students are responsible for knowing their entire voice part in all the selections.
5. Students may use their music during the audition.
6. ASSC practice recordings are available for students to learn their music. They are optional, and not officially endorsed by AVA, but can serve as a rehearsal aid to supplement the time the director spends teaching music.
7. Students must be prepared to sing a cappella selections without accompaniment. The adjudicator may elect to have other parts or accompaniment interludes played when those parts are crucial to hearing entrances.
8. Students will have a required dance portion for the audition.

C. Audition Application and Fees

1. A complete audition registration includes:
 - a. Submitting **All-State Show Choir Audition Application Form 3.1** online via myamea.org/ava.
 - b. Audition fees, which include:
 - i. \$50 school fee
 - ii. \$25 fee for each student auditioning
 - iii. Late fee (if applicable): 2 weeks at \$50, 3rd week at \$100, 4th week at \$150
2. Pay or postmark fees by the deadline on the website to:

Meg Jones
AVA Executive Secretary
1439 New Market Road
New Market, AL 35761
3. No applications will be accepted more than twenty business days late.
4. Directors must have current NAFME membership in order to register students for All-State Choir auditions.

D. The Audition

1. Directors will receive notification and directions for the audition process after the complete audition application has been received and the auditions set up.
2. Each student must submit the **All-State Show Choir Adjudication Form F3.3** by the deadline. After reading the **Parent Information for All-State Show Choir**, parents and students must sign the Audition form.
3. Students must have a complete, original set of music for the video auditions. Dance shoes are not required, but are appropriate.
5. The procedure for ASSC auditions will be sent to the directors prior the audition date.

E. Festival Registration

1. All-State results will be posted to the website within two weeks of the close of auditions.
2. A complete registration includes:
 - a. Submitting **All-State Show Choir Festival Registration Form F3.3** online via myamea.org/ava.
 - b. Providing any changes or corrections to student names. Please indicate any students with special needs.
 - c. Total fees, which include:
 - \$50 school fee
 - \$50 fee for each student accepted; no exceptions will be made
 - Late fee (if applicable): 2 weeks at \$50, 3rd week at \$100, 4th week at \$150
3. Pay or postmark fees by the deadline on the website to:

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4. No registrations will be accepted more than twenty business days late.
5. Directors must proofread student names (digital format) for certificate and nametag and send corrections if needed to the Executive Secretary. Certificate replacement fee is \$5 if corrections are not submitted within two weeks of results being published.

F. All-State Show Choir Festival Performance

1. The All-State Show Choir will perform for the public at the conclusion of the All-State Show Choir Festival.