



Alabama Vocal Association

All-State Show Choir (ASSC) is showcase performance ensemble for the annual Alabama Music Educators Conference. It consists of a group of approximately 60 students (30 male, 30 female) who are selected from a rigorous vocal and dance audition. The show choir rehearses with a vocal coach and choreographer for three days during the AMEA conference and performs their show in an AMEA Saturday performance venue. The ASSC will perform again for the opening ceremonies of the All-State Festival in April.

Parent Information for All-State Show Choir Form F3.5

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Students who audition for All-State Show Choir (ASSC) must be in grades 10-12, and must be enrolled in a high school choral program in Alabama, of which the choral director is a current member of AVA/MENC. Students are not required to be a member of a school show choir to audition for ASSC.
- 2) Students who audition for ASSC may also audition for All-State Choir and are strongly encouraged to do so.
- 3) Students who were selected for the previous year's All-State Choir or ASSC and did not attend, or who were dismissed from the previous year's All-State Choir or ASSC, are not eligible to audition for ASSC.

2. MUSIC AND PREPARING FOR THE AUDITION:

- 1) Each student must have an original copy of each piece of music. Photocopied music may not be used during auditions.
- 2) Students are responsible for knowing their entire voice part in all of the selections. Each student will sing an excerpt from EVERY music selection by himself/herself. Excerpts will be announced in the audition. A student who doesn't know the music will not make ASSC, regardless of his/her vocal or dancing ability.
- 3) Music does not have to be memorized; students will use their music in the audition.
- 4) Alabama ASSC Practice CDs are available for students to learn their all-state music. They are optional, and are not officially endorsed by AVA, but can serve as a rehearsal aid to supplement the time the director spends teaching the music.
- 5) Students must be prepared to sing *a cappella* numbers without accompaniment. The adjudicator may elect to have other parts OR accompaniment interludes played when those parts are crucial to hearing entrances.
- 6) Students do not have to do any preparation for the dance audition; they will learn a routine at the audition.

3. THE AUDITION:

- 1) Each student must bring the following to auditions:
- 2) **FOUR** copies of All-State Audition Adjudication Form F3.4, signed by PARENT and STUDENT, after reading Parent Information for All-State Show Choir Form F3.5.
- 3) complete set of music (NO PHOTOCOPIES)
- 4) Students should wear modest rehearsal attire suitable for movement to the audition. Dance shoes are not required, but are entirely appropriate.
- 5) The procedure for All-State Show Choir auditions is as follows:

Audition Procedure:

- 1) Approximately 10 students will be scheduled for the same audition time and will be escorted into the vocal audition room with their completed F3.4 forms and music.
- 2) For each of the four pieces:
 - the adjudicator will tell students the page and measure of the audition excerpt (approximately eight to twelve measures for each piece)
 - one at a time, each student will sing the excerpt with accompaniment (or a cappella for an unaccompanied piece)
- 3) The same group of students will then undergo a dance instruction session, lasting about 20 minutes, where they will be taught a short routine (approximately 4 eight-counts). They will then perform the routine together for the adjudicator several times; each student will be on the front row once for the adjudicator.

4. ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR FESTIVAL:

- 1) Directors and students **MUST** arrive one hour early for the first rehearsal to help set up platforms. Participants will also break down and set up equipment throughout the festival.
- 2) Each student must bring a complete set of original music and a pencil to each rehearsal, even if he/she has already memorized the music. Photocopied music in rehearsals is not allowed.
- 3) Students must wear nametags in each rehearsal, displayed prominently so the choreographer can read each name.
- 4) Roll is taken at each rehearsal and names of students who are absent are reported to the AVA Board. If a student is late for two rehearsals he/she will be removed from the choir. Absence from a rehearsal or performance or removal due to disciplinary actions will result in disqualification from this and the following year's ASSC festival, as well as the All-State Choir Festival.
- 5) ASSC rehearsals are long and physically grueling. Wear modest, comfortable, COOL, loose clothing, and comfortable shoes for dancing. Plan to eat and sleep so that you have the stamina to maintain your energy through the rehearsals. You may need to bring energy snacks. Water is provided.
- 6) Bring black pants and shoes for the performance. You will be given an ASSC T-shirt to wear in the performance. Guys: black dress pants (no jeans, no cargo pants, zippers, etc.) and black socks. Girls: black pants that are not too tight; your t-shirt will be tucked in or tied at waist level in the back.