



# Alabama Vocal Association

**All-State Show Choir (ASSC)** is a showcase performance consisting of approximately 60 students who are selected from a vocal and dance audition. The show choir rehearses with a vocal coach and choreographer and performs their show at the conclusion of the ASSC festival.

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

### **1 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 AVA/NAfME. If a school is on block system, 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 AVA/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 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 for the current year. All absences are reviewed by the AVA Board. Documentation must be submitted to the AVA Executive Secretary within ten days of that year's festival (doctor's excuse, funeral program, etc...)

### **2 Ordering Music and Preparation for the Audition**

1. ASSC music is chosen by the ASSC clinicians and approved by the AVA Board at 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 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. No photocopies are allowed. Use of photocopied music 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 Chairman for copies of music. Photocopied music will be accepted at the audition only if the director offers proper proof, in the form of a written communication from the supplier that the music in question has been ordered prior to the audition date.
4. Students are responsible for knowing their entire voice part in all of the selections. A student that does not know the music will not make ASSC, regardless of his/her vocal or dancing ability.
5. Music does not have to be memorized. 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 the 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.

## 3 Audition Application and Fees

### 1. A complete audition registration includes:

- Submitting **All-State Show Choir Audition Application Form 3.1** online via [www.myamea.org/ava](http://www.myamea.org/ava).
- Payment for audition fees include:
  - \$50.00 school fee
  - \$30.00 fee for each student auditioning for All-State Show Choir
  - There are no late fees for this event, since no applications will be accepted after the deadline.

### 2. Pay or postmark fees by the deadline posted on the website, [www.myamea.org/ava](http://www.myamea.org/ava) to:

**Carl Davis**

**AVA Executive Secretary**

**27345 Walnut Grove Road**

**Elkmont, AL 35620**

### 3. Directors must have current NAFME membership in order to register students to audition.

### 4. Schools are scheduled in the order that fees are received.

## 4 The Audition

1. Directors will receive notification and directions of the audition process after the complete application has been received and auditions set up.
2. Each student must submit the **All-State Show Choir Adjudication Form F3.2** by the deadline. The form must be signed by parent and student, after reading **Parent Information for All State Show Choir**.
3. Students must have a complete, original set of music with measures numbered for the audition. No photocopies are allowed.
4. A student should wear modest rehearsal attire suitable for movement for the audition. Dance shoes are not required, but are appropriate.
5. The procedure for All-State Show Choir auditions will be sent to directors prior to auditions.

## 5 Festival Registration

### (for students selected for All-State Show Choir)

### 1. ASSC results will be posted within two weeks of the All-State auditions. If you do not receive these results, contact the Executive Secretary.

### 2. A complete registration includes:

- Submitting **All-State Show Choir Festival Registration Form F3.3** online via [www.myamea.org/ava](http://www.myamea.org/ava).
- Providing any changes or corrections to student information.
- Payment for total fees include:
  - \$50.00 School Fee
  - \$60.00 fee for each student
  - Late Fee: 2 weeks at \$50    3rd week \$100    4th week \$150

3. Pay or postmark fees by the deadline posted on the website, [www.myamea.org/ava](http://www.myamea.org/ava) to:

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4. No registrations will be accepted more than 20 business days late.

## **6 All-State Show Choir Festival**

1. Directors must accompany students to the ASSC Festival.
2. Students in ASSC whose school is also performing in conflicting AVA performances may not miss ASSC rehearsals to rehearse and/or perform.
3. Directors may be given rehearsal assignments.
4. Each student must bring a complete set of original music with measures numbered and a pencil to each rehearsal. Music must be memorized for the festival. Photocopied music in rehearsals is not allowed.
5. Students must wear name tags in each rehearsal, displayed prominently so the choreographer can read each name.
6. Attendance 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.
7. ASSC rehearsals are long and physically grueling. Students should:
  - Wear modest, comfortable clothing.
  - Bring comfortable shoes appropriate for dancing.
  - Eat and sleep well to maintain energy needed for long rehearsals.
  - Bring a water bottle.
  - Bring black pants and shoes for the performance.
8. Students will be given an ASSC t-shirt for the concert. The shirts will be tucked in for the concert, so pants need to accommodate this. Detailed information will be sent to directors.

## **7 All-State Festival Performance**

The All-State Show Choir will perform at the conclusion of the ASSC festival.