



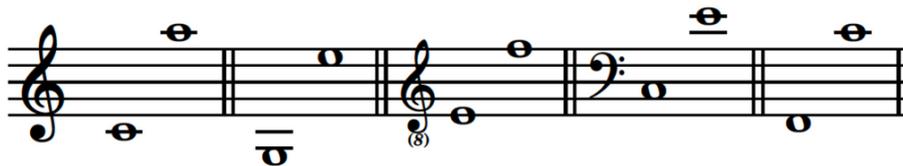
## Alabama Vocal Association

**All-State Choral Festival**, a three-day event that culminates in a professionally recorded concert, 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.

### *Parent Information for* **All-State Choral Festival**

#### **A. Eligibility and Choirs**

1. Students may choose to audition for ONE of the following choirs:
  - High School SATB All-State Choir (grades 10-12; 9th graders may not audition)
  - High School SSA All-State Choir (grades 9-12; see vocal ranges below)
  - High School TTBB All-State Choir (grades 9-12; see vocal ranges below)
  - Middle School Mixed All-State Choir (TB students in grades 7-8; treble students in grade 8 only)
    - 7th grade students who identify as male may audition for this choir.
  - Middle School Treble All-State Choir (treble students in grades 7-8)



Soprano      Alto      Tenor      Baritone (B1)      Baritone (B2)

2. Students who were selected for the previous year's All-State Choir or All-State Show Choir and did not attend, or who were dismissed from either festival are not eligible to audition for All-State Choirs 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. Each student must have an original copy of each piece of music (with measures numbered) for the choir for which they are auditioning. Photocopied music may not be used during auditions or at the All-State Festival.
2. Students are responsible for knowing their entire voice part of all the selections for the choir for which they are auditioning.
3. Music does not have to be memorized. Students will use their music in the audition.
4. Alabama All-State practice recordings are available for students to learn their All-State music.

5. Students must be prepared to sing a cappella pieces without accompaniment. The adjudicator may elect to have other parts or accompaniment interludes played when those parts are crucial to hearing entrances.

## C. The Audition

1. Directors will receive notification of and directions for the audition process after the complete application has been received and auditions set up.
2. Each student must submit the **All-State Choir Adjudication Form F2.2** by the deadline. The form must be signed by parent and student, after reading **Parent Information for All-State**.
3. Each student must have a complete, original set of music for the audition. No photocopies are allowed.
4. The procedure for All-State Choir auditions will be sent to directors prior to auditions.

## D. All-State Festival

1. Directors must accompany students to All-State and must be on the premises while students are in rehearsal.
2. Each student must bring a complete, original set of music and a pencil to each rehearsal. Photocopied music in rehearsals is not allowed.
3. Students must wear nametags to each rehearsal. Replacement nametags can be purchased from the Choir Coordinator at a cost of \$5.00.
4. Attendance is taken at each rehearsal and names of students who are absent are reported to the AVA Board of Directors. If a student is late for two rehearsals, the student will be removed from the choir. Absence from a rehearsal or performance, or removal due to a disciplinary action will result in disqualification from the current and the following year's All-State festivals.
5. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during All-State rehearsals and concerts. A student who uses a cell phone for any reason, including receiving a text or checking the time, during a rehearsal or concert, risks disqualification from All-State. Students will be given one warning. A second offense will result in disqualification from the current and the following year's All-State festival.
6. Students are required to participate in the All-State Festival and concert in its entirety. Students should wear their school choral uniform (formal attire or choir robe) for the All-State Concert. If the school choral uniform is not formal, students must dress in formal concert attire that meets the minimum dress code (knee-length or floor-length dress with appropriate dress shoes, or a shirt, tie and dress slacks with dress shoes). Show choir uniforms or prom-style dresses (sequins, spaghetti straps, etc.) are not acceptable. Any revealing attire is inappropriate for this occasion.
7. Students must bring a black folder for the All-State Concert.
8. For further information, see your school choral director.