

# HONOR CHORUS

Honor Chorus was established in 1968 by District V VMTO to provide a means of recognizing outstanding vocal students. Its purpose is to provide these students the opportunity to work with other outstanding vocal students and to perform challenging music under the direction of guest clinicians. A further outgrowth has been the opportunity for directors to experience professional growth. Forty years of development and cooperation have allowed us to obtain a high level of organization and efficiency in this large operation.

Requirements are:

1. student participants must be a member of a performing school choir or Les Petites Voix and
2. directors **must be a paid member** of District V VMTO.

## **High School (Meistersingers) Guidelines:**

1. Auditions
  - A. Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 5 at Barbe High School.
  - B. The audition selection is *Jubilate Deo* by Mozart and can be obtained from Chris Miller.
  - C. Students will sight-read an 8 measure exercise.
  - D. Students audition individually behind a screen with a taped accompaniment minus their voice part.
  - E. Auditions are scheduled to begin at 8:00 A. M. Schools will be scheduled by voice parts.
  - F. Exceptions to auditions are the First Round All-State Finalists and Alternates, Members of ACDA Junior High and Women's Choir, and members of the OAKE National Choir.

2. Judges
  - A. There will be two (2) judges per voice part.
  - B. Judges will be secured by the high school honor chorus chairman and festival chairman.
  
3. Rehearsals
  - A. Rehearsals will be held January 15, January 24, January 29, January 31 from 5:00 – 6:30 P. M.
  - B. Location will be Barbe High School.
  - C. Students are required to attend three (3) of the 4 rehearsals.
  - D. A final rehearsal held the Thursday (February 7) prior to Honor Chorus is mandatory for all participants.
  
4. Fees
  - A. Audition fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per student.
  - B. Participation fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per student.
  - C. Fees are collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the high school chairman.
  - D. A director must remit the total amount for his/her school before obtaining honor chorus music packets.

**Middle School (Troubadours) Guidelines:**

1. Auditions
  - A. Auditions will be held on Saturday October 20 at F. K. White Middle School.
  - B. The audition selection can be obtained from the middle school chairman.
  - C. Auditions are held from 8:00 – 11:00 A. M.
  - D. Students are accepted on a first come first served basis.
  - E. Exceptions to auditions are participants in the ACDA Junior High and Elementary Choirs.

2. Judges
  - A. There will be one judge per voice part.
  - B. Judges will be secured by the middle school Honor chorus chairman.
  
3. Rehearsals
  - A. Rehearsals will be held on January 15, January 24 and January 29 from 6:30 – 8:00 P. M. TBA
  - B. Students are required to attend two of the three January rehearsals.
  - C. A final rehearsal held the Thursday (February 7) prior to honor chorus is mandatory for each participant. The rehearsal will be at Immaculate Conception Cathedral from 6:30 – 8:00 P. M.
  
4. Fees
  - A. A \$2.00 audition fee is assessed each student.
  - B. A participation fee of \$18.00 is collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the middle school chairman.
  - C. The total amount must be remitted before the director can obtain honor music chorus packets.

**Elementary (Minisingers) Guidelines:**

1. Auditions are held by the director in each eligible school who submits a list of candidates to the elementary honor chorus chairman.
2. Using the number of sections of fifth graders in each eligible school, a formula is developed to select a chorus of 200 fifth graders.
3. Two joint rehearsals are held on the two Thursdays preceding (January 30 and February 7) honor chorus from 3:30 – 5:00 P. M.
4. The rehearsal site will be Lake Charles/Boston Academy of Learning.
5. Other rehearsals are held in individual schools.
6. A fee of \$15.00 is assessed each eligible student.
7. The fee is collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the

elementary chairman.

8. The total amount must be remitted before the director can obtain the honor chorus music packets.

2008 Honor chorus will be held on the second week-end of February. Rehearsals are held on Friday within the school day, 8:00 A. M. – 3:00 P. M. and Saturday morning with the guest clinicians.

Friday rehearsals will be held at:

Meistersingers (high school) - Immaculate Conception  
Cathedral

Troubadors (middle school) – TBA

Mini-Singers (elementary) – Lake Charles/Boston  
Academy of Learning

Saturday rehearsals will be:

Mini-Singers (elementary) – Saturday, 9:00–10:00 A. M.

Troubadors (middle school) –Saturday, 11:30-12:30 P. M.

All choirs will be in concert at Immaculate Conception  
Cathedral:

Meistersingers (high school) – Friday, 7:00 P. M.

Troubadors (middle school) – Saturday, 1:00 P. M.

Mini-Singers (elementary) – Saturday, 10:30 A. M.

Each director's assistance is needed if we are to continue to enjoy successful honor choirs. Please attend meetings so you will be thoroughly informed. Each teacher **is expected to accompany** his/her students to rehearsals so that you are available to assist them with any needs they may have. Be considerate of other directors and remain at rehearsal sites until your students are gone. Those responsible for more than one school or honor chorus group are to provide an adult chaperone for one of the groups. Failure to provide a chaperone or to remain until students have been picked up forfeits a school and director's opportunity to participate in honor chorus the following year.