

Texas All State Choir Auditions - Student Commitment

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- 1) All State Choir auditions are in person this year. As of the beginning of the school year, the Texas All State Choir performances will be held in person as well.
- 2) I intend to audition for the Texas All State Choir. I fully understand that I will need to prepare/practice the assigned repertoire outside of class. The rehearsal recordings and materials will be available through Schoology and All State Choir Teams.
- 3) I understand that the Frenship HS Choir program will pay my entry fee and provide resources and materials to me to compete for every round of audition. I understand that there are **FOUR** rounds: District, Region, Pre-Area, and Area. I am committing to the entire process and if I advance past each round, I am committed to auditioning for the next round. If I drop out, am eliminated from the process because I did not fulfill my commitment, or do not attend set days for competition, I will fully reimburse the Frenship HS Choir program for my entry fees for the rounds I am missing.
- 4) I understand that if I am named to one of the Texas All State Choirs, I am committed to rehearsing and performing with this ensemble February 7-10, 2024.
- 5) I understand that I am expected to be prepared for the vocal coaching process and take the things I learn in coaching home to practice for the next time. Students that do not practice on their own and show ownership over this process will not be pulled out of choir classes to work with a coach. They will be dropped from the process.
- 6) I understand that I must be **FULLY prepared prior to every competition round** or I am at risk for being eliminated from the competition.
- 7) I understand that I must have passing grades (70 or higher) on the official 6 weeks reporting period deadlines for each round to be eligible to compete for Texas All State Choir. If I am not officially eligible, I will be dropped from the process and expected to repay the entry fee for the audition round I am forfeiting once the entry deadline has passed.
- 8) I understand that I must be responsible with my music and any resources I am given to learn my audition material. If I lose my music, I understand I will be charged the replacement cost for each lost octavo.

Saturday, September 30th, 2023 (grade eligibility deadline September 22nd)

**Region auditions @ Lubbock Cooper High School

Saturday, November 4, 2023 (grade eligibility deadline September 22nd)

**Region Clinic & Concert @ Monterey HS; only for those that are named to choir based on results from region auditions.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (grade eligibility deadline November 3rd)

**Pre-area auditions @ Levelland HS

January 5-6, 2024 (grade eligibility deadline December 21st)

**Area auditions in Midland, TX at Legacy HS

February 7-10, 2024 (grade eligibility deadline December 21st)

**Texas All State Choir rehearsals and performances in San Antonio, TX

HELPFUL TIPS:

Mark Your Music!

1. Write in solfege to help you learn notes
2. Number all measures
3. Mark breath marks for EVERY phrase including optional breaths

Learning Your Music!

(The only way you will be successful on this music is by spending time working on it, DAILY. It will take individual practice time, not just singing through it, or just listening to the music.)

1. Come in prepared to discuss trouble spots for vocal coaching - we are here to help.
2. Start practicing by memory as soon as you can.

Polishing Your Music!

1. Are you singing phrases or breathing wherever you feel like it? Mark phrases and do it.
2. Are you singing with good tone? You must always sing with good tone and technique!
3. Are you singing dynamics? Not just the written ones.
4. Are you singing with great diction? Explode beginning and ending consonants.
5. Are you doing something with long notes or are they stagnant?
6. Sing for a director!!

By signing below I agree to the above requirements and I intend to compete at All State Choir. Return this portion to a FHS Choir director by August 22nd (blue day), or August 23rd (gold day).

Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____