

August 21, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your student has shown interest in auditioning for the FMEA All-State 2024 choirs! The Florida All-State Choruses are highly select groups of choral students from Florida's middle/junior high and senior high schools who are brought together for the purposes of rehearsing and performing selected music with world renowned guest conductors. The audition process consists of 3 sections:

- A written music theory test
- A sightreading test
- A Vocal Quality assessment

Please see the information below about what is expected of the students at the auditions. The cost of auditioning for Allstate is \$20 per person, which is covered by Leon Choral Department. Please know that if the student doesn't show up to BOTH DATES of the audition, the student will be responsible for payment of the fee. Students will need to independently study the concepts on the written and sight-reading tests and are highly encouraged to come to our after school tutoring sessions for their preparation.

When and where are the district auditions?

Musicianship test & Sight-Reading Test: September 9th at 11:45am at LINCOLN

Vocal Quality test: October 10th at 4:00 pm at MONTFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Does every student who passes the 3 auditions get in the all-state chorus?

I wish I could say "yes!" However, each student is competing with thousands from around the state. We will know the final results by November 7th. This is still a wonderfully challenging experience which will prepare them for future auditions.

What does each student need to do now?

1. Return this form signed by August 31st. If selected to represent Leon, an official FMEA/FVA contract will follow.
2. Attend the practice sessions for musicianship / sight-reading practice. Practice sessions listed on chorus announcement board and www.leonchorus.com
3. Practice your skills on your own! — Especially your sight-reading. The higher your composite scores, the better your chance to be selected! Use www.leonchorus.com for practice!

When is it and how much does Allstate Cost?

The trip itself is January 10-13, 2024 and costs each student \$350 but Leon Friends of Music HEAVILY subsidizes this trip. IF A STUDENT MAKES ALLSTATE CHOIR AND NEEDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE---they will not be denied the experience!

Please sign below if you agree:

I consent to my student (_____) auditioning for the 2024

(name of student)

Allstate Chorus, knowing that if they do not complete the process they will be responsible for the \$20 audition fee.

Parent Printed name

Parent signature