

Honor Choir Information

Below you will find information about the Honor Choir opportunities your student may participate in this school year. Please read the information carefully before making any decisions about auditioning for an Honor Choir. You can also find this information at www.wmsfavoice.weebly.com.

JCPS All County Choir

JCPS All County Choir (6th GRADE) – Students in 6th grade will be nominated by me to participate in All County Choir. Each year we are allowed to nominate a certain number of students (usually 12-15). Once I know the exact number of students I can nominate, I will select the students who I believe will best represent WMSFA at this type of event.

JCPS All County Choir (7th and 8th GRADE) – Students in 7th and 8th grade will have the opportunity to audition for All County Choir. The audition date is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st at Iroquois High School from 4-7. It is a drop in audition, so you just need to show up some time between 4-7. Students will prepare for this audition in class.

If selected for All County Choir, there is a participation fee of \$30. That money will be due when we come back from Winter Break. Each student is also expected to learn the music on their own with the help of recordings I will share with them.

The schedule for All County Rehearsals has not yet been released, but it will require students to attend 2 evening rehearsals and one day long rehearsal in January. There will also be a concert on the evening of the day rehearsal. As soon as this information is made available to the teachers, I will update this form and the website.

KY-ACDA All State Choir

The Kentucky Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association sponsors an all state choir each year. There is a group for 5th and 6th graders, and a separate group for 7th and 8th graders. Both groups are selected by recorded audition and will practice and perform in Lexington. I will be available to record students after school on August 29th and 30th, or before school almost any day. They will need to sign up for a time outside my room for after school times. The cost to audition is \$5 and I cannot submit a recording if the student has not paid their \$5. Students are learning the audition material in class. If chosen, the cost to participate is \$50, plus the cost of a hotel room if you decide you want one. Students selected for these choirs are responsible for learning the music on their own with the help of recordings I will share with them. The schedule for rehearsals is listed below:

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, 2019 – 2:45-4 PM 6th Graders rehearse with Mrs. Cook at WMSFA
Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 2019 – 2:45-4:00 7th and 8th Graders rehearse with Mrs. Cook at WMSFA

Friday, November 8th - All students travel to Lexington to rehearse with other all state singers and the conductor.

Saturday, November 9th - All students rehearse in Lexington in the morning, then perform a concert in the afternoon on the campus of the University of Kentucky.

Should your child be selected, the suggested hotel is the Hyatt in downtown Lexington. There will also be a group of rooms reserved at The Campbell House in Lexington. All State is the same weekend as a home UK football game, so I suggest booking your room ASAP if your child is selected.

I know that is a lot of information! Honor Choirs can be a really great experience for our students and I encourage them to audition! If you have any other questions for me, don't hesitate to email me at Kathryn.cook@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Thank you for supporting the musical endeavors of your child! ~ Mrs. Cook

