

District V All-District Audition Information

1. Audition Registration
 - a. High School – typically range from \$6-\$8 per student. Names, voice part, voice part separation (1, 2 or either) are entered on a Google Form and submitted to audition chair. The due date is set by the audition chair but is typically due 4 weeks before the event. The check for the amount is then sent to the audition chair with the google form receipt attached.
 - b. Middle School – there is none. Each school decides how to fill the quota assigned.
2. Audition Location
 - a. High School – This is rotated on a volunteer basis. At our January meeting we ask for volunteers for each event. Depending on who volunteers to host is the location. It is typically fairly central for all the schools, but not guaranteed.
 - b. Middle School - there is none. Each school decides how to select students to fill the quota assigned.
3. Audition Piece
 - a. High School – We have selected a four year rotation of pieces that are used. Within the selection we have selected a portion to use. The length depends on how it can start and fit well together.
 - i. “He Watching Over Israel” – Mendelssohn
 - ii. “The Heavens Are Telling” – Haydn
 - iii. “How Lovely Is Their Dwelling Place” – Brahms
 - iv. “Hallelujah, Amen” from Judas Maccabaeus – Handel
 - b. Middle School – again, each school decides how to select students
4. Sight-reading Procedures
 - a. High School – Students have 30 seconds to study the sight-reading example before they perform it for a score. We use the All Virginia recording for sight-reading for the intro, timing and instructions.
 - i. Sight-reading Parameters:
 1. Written by an independent contractor
 2. A cappella
 3. 8 measures long
 4. Measures 5 & 6 will be identical to measures 1 & 2
 5. Begin and end on low DO
 6. Range: low TI-high LA
 7. Skips: DO, MI, SOL
 8. Note values: whole, half, dotted quarter, quarter, eighth
 9. Rests: quarter
 10. Keys: C, D, Eb, F
 - b. Middle School – there is none.
5. Judges

- a. High School – Judges are chosen from the audition chair. We have a total of 6 judges with 2 in each room. Soprano, Alto, Tenor/Bass. These judges should have no direct connection with the schools or students auditioning. No District V teacher can be a judge.
 - b. Middle School – Some directors ask outside judges but some schools may just select students on their own.
6. Scoring Rubrics & Procedure
- a. High School –
 - i. Vocal Quality – 20 points
 - ii. Intonation – 20 points
 - iii. Musicality – 20 points
 - iv. Rhythmic Accuracy – 10 points
 - v. Diction – 10 points
 - vi. Sight-reading notes – 10 points
 - vii. Sight-reading rhythm – 10 points
 - 1. TOTAL 100 points
 - b. High School – Every 5-10 auditions a runner will pick up score sheets from the judges. They will then deliver them to a tabulation room where a teacher or two are entering scores into a Google Spreadsheet that tabulates the points. The person that enters the scores then initials the bottom corner of the score sheet. Then a second person goes back and double checks all points entered on the spreadsheet. They then also initial the bottom of the scoresheet. Each students scoresheet should have two sets of initials. Judges are not allowed to leave the audition location until all scores are entered in the spreadsheet.
 - c. Middle School – Each teacher has their own rubric they create
7. Results & How Announced
- a. High School
 - i. The spreadsheets for each voice part are then sorted according to total score. The amount of students we take depends on how many audition and where a score break happens. We have both a SATB ensemble as well as SSAA ensemble. Students that even/odd numbers on the spreadsheet for S or A are decided which group they will be a part of. Odd years the odd numbers will attend SATB ensemble. The final break for students is determined by the audition chair, audition host and district rep.
 - ii. Results are sent the evening of auditions via email to all teachers. Results are not shared with students at this point. Teachers have 24 hours to look, check and ask questions. Once all questions are issues are resolved (if any) results are shared with students. Score sheets are mailed to the schools the next day.

- b. Middle School-The chair tells how many students each school may have and then that is announce to students.
- 8. Hospitality for Judges
 - a. High School – snacks are provided for all judges. Lunch is then ordered for judges. The cost is paid for from the registration fee.
- 9. Concessions/Meals for students
 - a. High School - none