



WMEA Junior All-State

Choir Audition Materials



Below are the instructions for vocal auditions for the 2019 WMEA Junior All-State choirs, grades 7 and 8. **This is not the application packet—it is only the audition materials provided now for preparation purposes.** The application packet will be available online September 1 at www.wmea.org, with the application deadline being October 4th. All application materials must be submitted online. Complete instructions will be included in the posted packet.

Students who will be in grades 7 and 8 are encouraged to prepare the audition materials, complete the application information and submit a recording in accordance with the instructions.

Track 1. Vocalization

Sing an unaccompanied major scale on the syllable “doo.” Select the starting pitch as listed below according to the voice part for which you are auditioning. The starting pitch **MUST** be heard on the tape. Note: Those submitting a Baritone audition may use a syllable of choice, recognizing a full octave may not be possible.

Soprano—F above middle C

Alto—Middle C

Baritone—a choice of D, Eb or F starting below middle C, stating which one was chosen.

Track 2. America the Beautiful

Starting on the pitches listed below according to the voice part for which you are auditioning, sing the first stanza unaccompanied. Accompanied singers will be disqualified.

Soprano—G above middle C (*It will be sung in the key of C*)

Alto—D above middle C (*It will be sung in the key of G*)

Baritone—G below middle C (*It will be sung in the key of C*)

Track 3. Art song or folk song

Sing (with or without accompaniment) **one to two minutes** of an age-appropriate art song or folk song that may be suitable for a competition or festival. Please be sure that the selected piece is the best representation of your voice. Limit the piano introduction to no more than ten seconds. **Pop, gospel and contemporary religious pieces are not suitable and applicants using such music will be disqualified from consideration.**