



WMEA Junior All-State Youth Choir grades 5 and 6

Here are the audition exercises for our 2025 Junior All-State Youth Choir being made available now for preparation purposes. The entire application packet will be available September 1 online at www.wmea.org, with the audition deadline during the first week of October. Audition materials can be found on the following pages. The recorded audition will have three exercises, each recorded as separate track which must appear in the order listed.

1. VOCALISE

Student sings the printed vocalise using recommended tempo and syllable. Please take the repeat. Both times must be sung *a cappella*.

2. MELODIC ECHO

This is testing tonal memory—**students should not look at or rehearse these examples before recording**. Keep the recording running during this section. Do not stop until this section is completed. The teacher plays each of the melodies (#1 through #3) on the piano. After each melodic pattern is played, the student echoes (a cappella) using the syllable “loo.”

3. We Shall Overcome

The song must be sung *a cappella*. Starting pitches are given on the Audition Materials page. An optional suggested lesson plan is available. See separately posted document.

Teachers: Please feel free to modify suggested keys based upon the individual needs of your students.



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2025 Audition Materials



Track 1. VOCALISE

♩ = 60-72
Slow

Mah _____ (breath) Mah _____

Track 2. MELODIC ECHO PATTERNS

Echo 1

Echo 2

Echo 3

Track 3. *WE SHALL OVERCOME--See Next Pages*

Soprano--Key of D, start on A.

Alto--Key of C, start on G.

We Shall Overcome

Freedom Song from the United States

Moderately ♩ = 120

We shall o - ver - come, _____ We shall o - ver - come, _____

5

We shall o - ver - come some day; _____ Oh, _____

9

deep in my heart I do be - lieve, that

13

we shall o - ver - come some day.

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5 We shall o - ver - come some day; _____ Oh, _____

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