

TMEA REGION 18 MS CHOIR CONTEST INFORMATION

<p><u>Mock Audition</u> (for participating Beginning, Intermediate, and Boys' Choir students. Adv. students will have the mock audition in class.) Friday, January 20, 2017 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kealing Choir Room</p>	<p><u>Region Contest</u> Sat., Jan. 21, 2017 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM Simon MS, 3839 E Ranch Road 150 (1:30 – 2:00PM, late check in for SAT takers ONLY and other approved circumstances)</p>	<p><u>Region Clinic/Concert</u> (for select students) Sat. Feb. 4, 2017 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Austin ISD PAC 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd, Austin, TX 78723</p>
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Region Contest is a wonderful opportunity for students to grow as independent musicians! Students learn four pieces of music on their own, with assistance from myself. Two days before the competition, the Region committee announces which two pieces the students will audition with. Students will perform portions of these two pieces for a group of judges. The students who rank the highest, will be placed in the All Region Choir. All of the details are listed below. Please call or email me if you have any more questions! These dates were listed on the calendar given to you at the beginning of the school year, and have also been on the website since the start of the school year.

Grading Policy

- Advanced Girls' and Advanced Mixed Choir 7th/8th graders are required to attend TMEA Region 18 MS Choir Contest as a test grade. All academically eligible choir students who fail to participate will receive a test grade zero, will be required to pay back the \$10 student fee, and will be required to complete an alternative assignment to make up this grade. Students with an invalid excuse will receive a 70 or less on the alternative makeup assignment. The alternative assignment will be due the following Friday to receive credit.
- ALL other eligible 7th/8th graders are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend the TMEA Region 18 Choir Contest.
- Students are expected to practice the music, which can be found on the choir website, ON THEIR OWN. We will work some in class, but it will take home practice in order to adequately prepare for the competition. Students will also be able to practice in the choir room during D lunch and 4th or 8th period, with permission from their teacher.
- **Please note that 7th grade students who are taking the SAT on the date of TMEA Region 18 MS Choir Contest will need to make arrangements for a 1:30 PM audition time by detailing specifying this on the permission slip.**
- **Also note that 8th grade students taking the LASA exam need to take the exam on the first weekend it is offered, January 14, 2017.**

What to expect the day of TMEA Region Choir Contest:

1. Students should meet at the front of KMS NO LATER than 7:00 AM. A bus will be provided to take students to Simon MS in Buda, TX. If you live in South Austin and would prefer to meet us at Simon MS, please detail that on the permission slip, and plan to meet us there at 8:00 AM.
2. Students should wear their choir t-shirt, school dress code bottoms, and bring snacks and drinks (or money for concessions).

3. Once students arrive at Simon MS, they will need to find their name on the posters on the front doors of the school. Their name should be listed on the poster with their choir and voice part on it (example: 8th Treble, soprano 2). Students should sign in with their section, and receive a badge.
4. Ms. Parks will then go to the judges' area and will not be available for students or parents verbally or by phone during the rest of auditions. Phone numbers of parent chaperones will be given out when we approach the Region audition.
5. Students must keep their badge on until they audition so they will know what their audition number is. Students will be called by their number—not by their name.
7. Early check in will end about 8:30 AM. Students will do warm ups and go through the audition cuts twice at that point. Students will NOT be allowed to sing out loud again until they actually audition. They will be disqualified if they do.
8. While waiting to audition, students will be disqualified if they have ANY electronic devices out for any reason. This is to ensure the contest is fair to ALL students, especially students who audition first. If students need to call their parent, they must do so in the designated student cell phone zone.
9. Students should listen for their badge number to be called during the day. When it is, they should follow the room monitor to the room where they will sing for the judges.
10. When it is their turn to sing, students will go into a room with five judges. The judges will be behind a partition and will not be able to see students while they sing.
11. Students will sing by themselves without any help from anyone, including the voice on the recording. However, students may use their sheet music. Students are only required to sing two short parts from two of the songs we have learned (about two minutes). The judges are NOT allowed to start the music over once the student's audition begins.
12. Once students have completed their audition, they should go back to the holding area to call their parent to get picked up. All early auditions should be completed by about 1 PM. Parents may pick students up at Simon MS once they have finished their audition, and students will need to check out with a parent chaperone before leaving. Please let me know at least two weeks in advance if transportation is going to be an issue, and we WILL work something out. :)
14. Ms. Parks will call students who made the TMEA Region 18 MS Choir or who qualified for the District Choir (honorable mention) later that day. Girls who compete in the 7th Treble or 8th Treble Choirs must make the top 26 per voice part in order to qualify. This information can also be found on the region 18 website. Boys who compete in the TTB Choir must make the top 20 per voice part.
16. **Students who are selected will perform in a clinic / concert on Saturday, February 4 from 7:15AM – 5:00PM at the Austin ISD, PAC.**

-----Please keep information from the previous page for your reference-----

Due Date: January 6 (A-day), January 9 (B-day)

Name _____

Choir Class _____

Grade _____

Voice Part _____

I, _____ give my child, _____ permission to attend the TMEA Region 18 Choir Contest on **Saturday, January 21 from 7 AM until about 1 PM** at Simon Middle School, and if selected for the Region Choir, the Clinic/Concert on **Saturday, February 4 from 7:15 AM – 5:00PM** at Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. I understand that transportation is provided TO each event, but not FROM either event.

Parent Signature

(OPTIONAL)

___ I am available to chaperone for All Region Contest, on Jan. 21. Please contact me here: _____

Please write any special notes here: (i.e. Going home with another student, needs a PM time due to taking the SAT, etc., needs transportation back to Kealing, will not ride the bus to Simon MS, etc.)

