

Dear Jr. High Vocal Music Instructors,

Greetings! Hope your year is going well. Here is the information regarding the All-District Junior High Honor Choir 2019. The district event will be held at Soaring Heights/Joplin East Middle School on Saturday March 2, 2019. (*Snow Date is March 9th. Please mark your calendar!*)

**14% STUDENT FORMULA**-Because of the increasing numbers for Junior High Honor Choir which had almost become unmanageable, we will be using the same formula we used for 2018. This was discussed and decided upon by the directors presents at the 2017 Honor Choir.

- Combine all students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs
  - You may bring **14% of that total**
  - If 14% totals with a **decimal**, round up to the next number.
    - 7.2, bring 8 students
    - 12.7, bring 13 students
  - If 14% totals **less** than 4 students, you may round up to 4.
  - Determining SATB is at the director discretion.
- For example, I have 35 in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade choir. 14% is 4.9. Because of the decimal, I can bring 5 students.

## **REGISTRATION**

The registration fee for 2019 is \$10.00 per student to be paid by cash or check, made out to **SWMMEA** with ***Junior High Honor Choir*** in the memo line. **The fee must be paid on the day of the event.** DO NOT MAIL YOUR CHECK. POs will NOT be accepted on the day of honor choir. This is a district wide policy.

- Registration deadline is Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. I will send out a link to the form in January. It will also be posted on the SWMMEA Facebook page and the SWMMEA website: <http://www.swmmea.net/>
- Registration Address:
  - SWMMEA—c/o Erin Smith, Treasurer
  - Aurora High School
  - 305 W Prospect
  - Aurora, MO 65605
- The number of students you register is the number you pay for. If a student is not able to attend after you register them, you are still required to pay for them.
  - **Alternate Students**-We have had issues in the past of a student not being able to come and someone comes in place of them. If this happens, the *alternate student* would need to be the same voice part as the *original student* if at all possible. We often have basses who can't come that are then replaced by sopranos of which is usually our largest group. When this happens, our balance is thrown off. MSHSAA has stated there are no genders regarding voice parts if that helps with alternate students.

## A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Optional Rehearsal** is on Monday, February 18th at 5:00-7:00 PM at Purdy Schools. I will be offering a pizza deal for those schools who will need to eat supper. The schools who have come the last few years found it very helpful and the students learned a lot and had a good time.
- The **Medical Release Form** must be filled out for each student and turned in at the time of registration. (*I will send this when I send your confirmation email for your registered students. You can also find this on the SWMMEA website.*)
- **Lunch is on your own.**
  - Julie is looking into providing a concession stand at the school if you plan to eat lunch on campus.
- **Students are REQUIRED to have originals copies of the music on the day of honor choir.**
  - However, we will all be delayed in getting our music ordered. Once we have a repertoire list, please let me know if you own any of the pieces already. If we could scan them so I can email them out, we can all start rehearsals a little sooner.
- *Come with music rehearsed. Stress the “Honor” part of this event.*

## CONCERT ATTIRE

- *Boys*-dress pants, shoes, shirt, and tie.
- *Girls*-dresses
- During the day the students may wear school clothes in good taste.

Thanks again, Julie Metcalf and Joplin East Middle School,  
for the facility and hospitality.  
It is so wonderful of you to share!

Call or email me if you have any questions.

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