



2018 Region 18 MS Choir Contest

Kealing Middle School, 1607 Pennsylvania Ave, Austin, TX 78702

What to bring:

Students should bring their music, snacks, and water.

Where to meet:

Students should meet at Kealing Middle School at 8:00 AM. Contest registration closes at 8:30 AM.

What to expect the day of TMEA Region Choir Contest:

1. Once students arrive at Kealing 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 & voice part on it (example: 7th Treble, soprano 2). If their name is missing, they must notify Mrs. Willoughby.
2. Mrs. Willoughby will then go to the judges' area & will not be available for students or parents during the rest of auditions.
3. Students will need to follow the signs to go to a holding area where their choir will be for the day (the cafeteria or gym). Once they have gone to their holding area, students will go to the registration table that matches their voice part to sign in & get their badge with their audition number on it. **Remember that number and zone so you can check on-line for your results!**
4. 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.
5. Early check in will end about 8:30 AM. Late check in is 1:00 – 2:00 PM Students will do warm up & 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.
6. 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. Students must be with a parent at all times except when auditioning. Inappropriate language, loud behavior, & "horse play" are not allowed while students are at Simon MS.
7. 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.
8. When it is their turn to sing, they will go into a room with five judges. The judges will be behind a partition & will not be able to see students. Judges will not speak directly to students but will sometimes write down reference notes while students sing.
9. 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).
10. Once students have completed their audition, they are free to go. You should be finished by 12:00 PM, maybe sooner.
11. Students who are selected will perform in a clinic / concert on Saturday, February 10th from 8:00AM – 5:00PM at the AISD PAC. This is a HUGE honor since about 550-600 students audition, & only 210 students actually get to sing in these select honor choirs!!!