

Dear MTVA Directors,

This message is just to remind you of various issues regarding next week's All-State rehearsals and performances at the TMEA Conference. Please read this carefully; both you and your students are responsible for knowing this information.

To date, there has been no additional movement involving the placement of alternates. Please remember that alternates can be placed up until 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 9. Note that NO alternates will be placed after that time; they *should not* attend the conference in hopes that they might be placed onsite. I will contact you ASAP when I know that a student has been placed. Conversely, please notify me *immediately* if you have a student that cannot attend.

The TMEA All-State handbook states: "*Students participating in All-State must be properly chaperoned. Directors are required to either chaperone or identify in writing to the All-State chairperson another director to be responsible for them.*" For MTVA members, this means a letter from your principal indicating your designee must be submitted at or before registration. This applies if you will be absent from the conference for any period. Contact me immediately if you have any questions or concerns.

TMEA also requires that each participating director be assigned a work responsibility in managing the All-State students. Those assignments include calling roll for rehearsals, chaperoning a rehearsal, chaperoning the College Night event, or similar assignment. Your assignment is listed below. **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL**; each director is expected to complete his/her assignment as requested. Please contact me if that is not possible for you. If someone else is filling for you, that person is expected to complete your assignment as well.

Choir	Regis (hand out packets and work assignments)	Wed Eve (roll call) *stay as chaperone
SATB	Lewis Walling	Victor Davis Sandy Elliott Allyson Petrone*
SSAA	Katie Baker	Felicia Barber Carmen Norris*
TTBB	Lia Holland	Ann Baldwin Debbie Hollis

Choir	Thurs Morn (roll call) *stay as chaperone	Thurs After (roll call) *stay as chaperone	College Event (accompany from rehearsal and stay as chaperones)	Thurs Eve (roll call) *stay as chaperone
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SATB	David Collins Edward Freytag Jeff Rice*	Linda Towe Rachel White* Becky Young	Felicia Barber Brenda Gregory Kim Wonders	David Collins* Missy Cook Dawn Crunk
SSAA	Cindy Freeman Lisa Jernigan*	Greg Herring Lynn Jung*	Missy Cook Jeanette MacCullum	Joe Bullock Lydia Schoonover*
TTBB	Joe Bullock* Dawn Crunk	Valerie DeHoff* John Kimbrough	Terri Dickerson Elise Dumser	Jj Ebelhar Brenda Gregory*

Choir	Fri Morn (roll call) *stay as chaperone	Fri After (roll call) *stay as chaperone	Concert (roll call)
SATB	Victor Davis Terri Dickerson Sandy Elliott*	Cindy Freeman Edward Freytag Greg Herring*	Katie Baker Jeremy Jones Becky Young
SSAA	Ann Baldwin Connie Williams*	Elise Dumser Georgette Seay*	Jj Ebelhar John Kimbrough
TTBB	Robert King Gerald Patton*	Linda Towe Wayne Wilson*	Robert King Lewis Walling

Schedule of Events (only items related to All-State students are listed here)

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

- 5:00-6:00 Registration (West Lobby of Nashville Convention Center)
- 7:00-9:00 Rehearsal

Thursday, March 11, 2004

- 9:30-11:30 Rehearsal
- 1:30-4:30 Rehearsal
- 4:45-6:00 College Night
- 6:30-9:30 Rehearsal

Friday, March 12, 2004

- 9:30-11:30 Rehearsal
- 1:00-2:00 SATB Rehearsal (War Memorial Auditorium)
- 2:30-3:30 SSAA Rehearsal (War Memorial Auditorium)
- 4:00-5:00 TTBB Rehearsal (War Memorial Auditorium)
- 6:00 TTBB Concert (War Memorial Auditorium)
- 7:00 SSAA Concert (War Memorial Auditorium)
- 8:00 SATB Concert (War Memorial Auditorium)

Finally, students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the TMEA All-State Handbook. A copy of those rules follows.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. During the conference, I will be available by cell phone: 615-519-2263. Please do not share this number with your students or parents. It is for your use only.

I look forward to seeing you all at Tuesday's MTVA meeting, and at the conference on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Lewis Walling

TENNESSEE ALL-STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any student not adhering to these rules will be subject to action by the All-State Disciplinary Committee.

1. Students are required to attend all rehearsals and All-State concerts. Students performing with their own school organization at the TMEA In -Service Conference will be excused from rehearsal one (1) hour prior to their performance time.
2. Students will be in their seats and ready to begin at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of each rehearsal.
3. Students will not chew gum or eat food in rehearsals.
4. Students will refrain from talking during rehearsals.
5. The use of alcohol, tobacco products, and/or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
6. Students must have a pencil at rehearsals.
7. Students must wear nametags at all rehearsals.
8. Chorus members' music must have measures numbered.
9. No alternates or extra students are to be admitted to the All-State rehearsals unless the regional All-State Chairperson has properly notified them.
10. Only students from grades 10 through 12 are eligible. Students in grade 9 are not eligible for All-State.
11. Dress for the All-State concerts will be as follows:
 - Chorus Women: Ankle length black dress with a sleeve, or an ankle length black skirt with a black top of similar or complementary fabric, black shoes no more than 2 inches in height, optional modest jewelry such as a single strand of pearls or a drop-pearl or single stone on a delicate chain. No long dangling earrings or heavy choke necklaces.
 - Chorus Men: White tux shirt or white long-sleeve button-down shirt with black bow tie, black tux pants or black dress slacks, black dress shoes and black socks. No jackets, and no tennis shoes.