

Why Should I Participate in the All-State Process?

Here's the updated version with the additional note about Tri-M Music Honor Society participation:

What is the All-State Choir Audition Process?

The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) hosts the annual All-State Choir audition process, one of the most prestigious events for high school singers in grades 9-12. Students compete on their voice part against singers from across the state, vying for a spot in one of three choirs:

- **Texas All-State Mixed Choir**
- **Texas All-State Treble Choir**
- **Texas All-State Tenor-Bass Choir**

The audition process begins in **September** with District auditions and concludes in **January** with the final Area auditions.

How Much Will It Cost?

- **Audition Fee:** A one-time cost of **\$25**.
 - **Optional Expenses:**
 - **Summer Camps:** Many students attend All-State preparation camps to get ahead on the repertoire and refine their skills. Find more information about camps [here](#).
 - **Private Voice Lessons:**
 - During the school year: \$22 per half-hour (offered during the school day).
 - Summer lessons: Costs vary depending on the teacher. Contact Mr. Buntyn for more information.
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How Much Time Will It Take?

The key to success is practice. As the saying goes, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!" Students who practice consistently and diligently are more likely to succeed than their peers.

When Does It Happen?

Here are the key dates for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. **District Audition (Phase 1):** September 2025
 - Locations will be in the **Frisco, McKinney, Prosper, and Little Elm area**.
 - *Note:* No sightreading is required in the District audition round.
 2. **Region Audition (Phase 2):** October 2025
 - Locations will also be in the **Frisco, McKinney, Prosper, and Little Elm area**.
 3. **All-Region Clinic & Concert:** November 2025
 - Mixed Choir (Places 1-15), Treble Choir (Places 16-42), and Honor Choir
 - *Note:* This is the end of the process for Treble and Honor Choir members.
 4. **Pre-Area Audition:** November 2025
 - Locations will again be in the **Frisco, McKinney, Prosper, and Little Elm area**.
 - Mixed Choir members (Places 1-15) compete within their sections. The top 5 advance.
 5. **Area Audition:** January 10, 2026
 - **Location:** The **University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington)**
 - The top 5 from each section at Pre-Area audition against the top 5 from three other regions.
 - Top singers are selected for the **Texas All-State Mixed, Treble, or Tenor-Bass Choirs**.
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How Do the Auditions Work?

Students will:

1. **Perform Music “Cuts”:**
 - Sing selected portions of 3-4 songs (called “cuts”) from the All-State repertoire.
2. **Sight-Read Music** (*Except for the District Audition*):
 - At later rounds, students will sight-sing a short, unseen line of music after 30 seconds of preparation.

Scoring:

- Total score: 300 points
 - Judges rank students based on musical knowledge and vocal quality. The Olympic scoring system is used (highest and lowest scores are dropped, and the rest are averaged).
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Do I Have a Chance to Make It?

Yes! While making the All-State Choir is highly competitive, with over 15,000 students starting the process and only 350 making it, there are still plenty of opportunities to grow and succeed.

- **All-Region Choirs (Mixed, Treble, and Honor):** These are excellent honors and realistic goals for younger students or those new to the process.
 - **Lebanon Trail HS Success:** Our students have consistently placed in both All-State and All-Region choirs.
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Is It Worth It?

Absolutely! Here's why:

1. **Personal Growth:**

- Even if a student doesn't advance, the vocal improvement and skills gained through the process are invaluable.

2. **All-Region Choir:**

- Students work with a professional clinician and sing alongside talented peers.

3. **All-State Choir:**

- Recognition as a top-tier musician in Texas.
- Work with a renowned clinician.
- Network with highly talented students from across the state.
- Attend the TMEA convention, the largest music convention in the world.

4. **Scholarship Opportunities:**

- Colleges recruit All-State performers at the convention's College Night.

5. **FISD Covers All Costs:**

- Hotel, transportation, and registration fees for All-State participants are fully funded by FISD.

6. **Tri-M Music Honor Society:**

- Students who participate in the All-State process are eligible to join the **Tri-M Music Honor Society**, a prestigious organization that recognizes musical excellence and leadership.
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Still Not Sure?

Contact **Mr. Buntyn** at buntynm@friscoisd.org to discuss if the All-State audition process is right for your student. With the right attitude and work ethic, this can be a truly rewarding experience!
