



FVA All-State Auditions

All State is a fantastic experience for students who really wish to improve their musicianship and singing ability. It requires quite a large amount of “out of class” work, but it is as much a huge honor as it is a rewarding experience for those who make it.

The audition is made up of three portions:

- Musicianship Exam
- Sight-Reading Exam
- Vocal Audition

The **musicianship exam** (30%) is a challenging written test, which measures the singers’ music theory skills. It includes things such as; musical terms, rhythmic dictation, melodic dictation, listening examples, and general theory questions. A complete list of the terms that may be covered on the exam can be found on FVA.net, and I will be offering after school help for the listening and theory portions on a weekly basis beginning August 15th.

The **sight singing exam** (35%) measures a singer’s ability to sight sing unaccompanied exercises. I will be offering after school help sessions for sight singing on a weekly basis beginning August 15th.

The **vocal audition** (35%) involves the singer performing sections of prepared music alone. The music will need to be purchased by those who pass the first portion of the audition and learned prior to the vocal audition. Part tracks will be provided to students to assist them in their learning. The vocal audition also includes two vocal warm-ups that will show the students range and quality of voice.

FEES

- The initial audition fee is \$15 and is due by Aug 30th. (make checks payable to Newsome Chorus Boosters)
- The cost of the music for the vocal audition is usually around \$20 (only purchased if the first audition is passed).
- The cost of registering for the All-State conference (if awarded a spot) is around \$60.

AUDITION DATES

- September 11th Musicianship and Sight-Singing Exams @ Chamberlain High School at 4:00pm.
- October 9th Vocal Audition @ Chamberlain High School at 4:00pm.
- January 11-13 All-State convention.

I know that it seems like a lot of work and money, but students who attend all-state find it to be one of the most musically enjoyable and meaningful experiences they will ever have.



All-State Timeline

While prep sessions are not mandatory to try out, it is highly recommended that you attend at least 3.

Tuesday, August 15th - All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

Wednesday, August 16th – All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

Monday, August 21st – All-State prep 2:15-3:15pm

Wednesday, August 23rd – All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

Monday, August 28th – All State prep 2:15-3:15pm

Wednesday, August 30th - All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

- ***\$15 registration fee due along with all-state contracts***

Tuesday, September 5th – All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

Thursday, September 7th – All-State prep 3:10-4:00pm

Monday, September 11th –All-State Musicianship and Sight-Singing Exam @ Chamberlain HS
4:00pm

Wednesday, September 13th – Money for music packets due for those passing the first exam

Monday, October 9th – All-State Vocal Test @ Chamberlain HS 4pm

January 11-13 – All-State Convention in Downtown Tampa