

Ankeny High School Choral Music All-State 2019

About All-State:

Selection to an Iowa All-State Ensemble is the highest individual honor a high school musician can receive in the state of Iowa. Iowa All-State auditions consist of a cappella performance of high-quality choral literature performed in duets, trios, or quartets (1 per voice part.) Students prepare the audition music throughout the early fall for auditions that occur in late October.

Thank you for your interest in the Iowa All-State Chorus Audition process at Ankeny High School. Regardless of the outcome, the directors believe that participation and preparation in the All-State process will improve your skills as a singer and musician and have positive ramifications on your future musical endeavors.

Ankeny All-State Audition Process:

1. **Summer Camp:** Attendance at one of the All-State Music Camps offered by various college and universities is the first required component of the All-State Audition process at Ankeny High School. Participation in one of these camp opportunities helps to expedite the music learning process immensely and allows your directors to assist you in the “details” and “nuances” of the audition music rather than just teaching the notes. *The camp at Wartburg College is the recommended summer camp*, but a number of options are listed on the back of this page; the number of camp options being presented to you will allow you and your family to choose which camp best fits your needs and summer schedule. School transportation will not be provided to any of the camps; it is suggested that car-pooling and parental transportation takes place as much as possible. (If you have questions about which camp would be the best fit for you, please see a director.)
2. **Post-Camp: Pre-School Year:** Several “boot camp” review sessions will be held at AHS during the month of August following the summer camps and before the start of the school year. Students should plan to attend these sessions in addition to personal practice at home.
3. **Fall:** In the first few weeks of the 2019-20 school year, All-State audition ensembles will be selected. The Iowa High School Music Association allows up to 28 students (7 per voice part) from each school to audition. To move forward in the audition process at this juncture (following camps, boot camp sessions, and review sessions) students will be required to demonstrate proficiency on their voice part. Tone quality, knowledge of the music, and aural ability (ability to sing in tune and against other voice parts independently) will be used as the main criteria. Those chosen to move forward to prepare for the All-State audition at the state level should anticipate spending a minimum of 140 minutes per week rehearsing; of this, between an hour and an hour and a half will be spent with a director weekly (typically after school/early evening.)

On the next page is a list of the potential camps from which you may choose. **It is each student’s responsibility to complete the required paperwork/online registration, and payment for the camp of your choice.** (Pay attention to deadlines! Don’t wait!) When asked to list director contact information, you may list: Ben Walters; Email: ben.walters@ankenyschools.org

*** Following your registration and payment, ALL STUDENTS must complete the following information form:** <https://forms.gle/aNh5yuvESiq7EeEDA>

***IMPORTANT:** Music will be purchased by Ankeny High School. DO NOT purchase your own music. A future email will be sent indicating when the music should be picked up prior to the camps.

Expect to receive several emails throughout the summer regarding all-state camps.

Please remember to fill out the Google Form (link above) so we have your contact information & please check your email regularly.

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CAMP OPTIONS

Wartburg College Meistersinger All-State Camps (August 1-3 OR August 5-7) (Tuition: \$160.00)

* Directed by Dr. Lee Nelson, Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music introduces high school vocalists to the music for the Iowa All-State Auditions. Large group instruction and sectional rehearsals are utilized. (*Mr. Walters is also on staff at these camps.*)

* Individual voice lessons available.

* Tuition includes: Two nights lodging (in dorms; w/o linens), fees, two breakfasts, one lunch, and two evening meals, several evening activities, camp t-shirt, and a recording containing both the camp performances and learning tracks for your voice part.

* Notes: There is a registration deadline of June 9th after which time the cost raises to \$175.00. If choosing to commute (not stay in the dorms) the cost is \$130.00.

*Wartburg is the *recommended* camp for the AHS audition process.

<http://www.wartburg.edu/camps>

Iowa State Summer Choral Academy (August 7-8) (Tuition: \$70.00)

* Directed by Dr. James Rodde, ISU Director of Choral Activities introduces the Iowa All-State Chorus audition music in a choral setting. Sectionals are also provided.

* Individual voice lessons available on a first come, first served basis. (\$25.00 additional cost)

* Tuition includes: all rehearsal sessions and a recording of the music at the conclusion of camp with learning tracks for your voice part.

* Register at the link below.

*Note: Please submit registration and payment by June 7.

<https://www.music.iastate.edu/isu-summer-all-state-choir-camp>

Central College (August 1-2) (Tuition \$100.00 overnight; \$75.00 for commuters) (Registration increases if not received by July 15.)

* Directed by Mark Babcock, Central College Director of Choral Activities

*Group and sectional rehearsals offered; finale concert presented at the conclusion.

* Private and group technique instruction as well as ear training/basic musicianship classes are available

* Evening activities on campus

* Registration and additional information available at the link below.

<https://www.central.edu/camps/register/all-state-clinic-and-vocal-camp/>

REMINDER: Complete this form *after* registering for the camp of your choice and submitting/emailing the required paperwork & fees.

<https://forms.gle/aNh5yuvESiq7EeEDA>

Questions? Mr. Walters: ben.walters@ankenyschools.org