



## Aledo ISD All-District Honor Choir

**Aledo Choir is proud to sponsor AISD's first District Honor Choir.** We want to encourage and celebrate the many wonderful singers Aledo has in our schools by providing a positive and encouraging experience through song. This group will perform a variety of music throughout the year. Participating students will have opportunities to audition for featured solos for various concerts. If solos are not your thing...we got you covered too. Solos are not required! In fact, no experience is required. All we ask for is a positive attitude and willingness to cooperate and learn. Students that are selected will go on to represent AISD in the District Honor Choir rehearsals, trips, clinics, and concerts, as well as other events throughout the school year.

### Who can audition?

Any current 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade AISD student. You do not need to be in choir at school and you do not need any prior vocal experience. We will help you!

### How...

Submit your 2 audition video recordings and contract by **Oct. 11, 2022** to be considered for the Honor Choir. All submissions should be sent to Karen Paul, Aledo High School Choir Director. [kpaul@aledoisd.org](mailto:kpaul@aledoisd.org)

### What...

Two Video Recordings---

#### 1. First selection...

***My Country tis of Thee (1st verse only)*** in the **Key of F Major**. This should be sung without accompaniment. Words are below...

My country tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing, 1,2,3  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring! 1,2,3

Here is a video you can practice with:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP8z2jAxiag>

#### 2. Second selection...

Here is your chance to shine with something you like! You may pick a part of any song that you feel shows off your voice the best. This can be any style or genre you choose. Your selection should be no longer than 30 seconds in length. You may sing with a backing track, as long as both your voice and track are clearly heard in the video recording.

## **When...**

Video auditions will be accepted from **Sept. 29, 2022** to **Oct. 11, 2022**.

After the audition results are tabulated, all students will be given their own results via the email address indicated on their information form. Please make sure this is an email that you check.

The **Contract** needed to audition will be due with your recordings no later than **Oct. 11, 2022**. The contract will need to be submitted before your recordings will be graded

## **Things every parent should know before letting their child audition:**

- Because this is an auditioned group, we are asking that you make an honest commitment to the group and schedule. We understand that emergencies come up, but if you are continuously late or absent that is not fair to the others or to those who were not chosen.
- Rehearsals are Tuesdays in the AHS Choir Room 4:45 - 6:15PM.
- We will have performances throughout the year. (See the schedule below)
- Membership fee is \$50 if the student is selected to be in the Honor Choir. There is no fee for auditioning. (let us know if you need help covering this, we really want all students to have this wonderful opportunity to enjoy making music together. We are committed to helping everyone we can participate)
- Students and parents must arrange their own transportation to and from all rehearsals.
- Contests, Festivals, and performances off campus will be via school transportation.
- Students will be given practice tracks and music prior to the rehearsals and every student should prepare to their current ability for each rehearsal. They may start out just memorizing the words. That is OK. Later, they may progress to humming or singing the melody on their own. Etc. Do what you can first...let us help you progress from there.

I understand:

- Honor choir is a privilege. Inappropriate and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
- Attendance is important to all members and my absence effects the entire group.
- It is my responsibility to learn the words, learn the notes, learn the steps, and practice on my own time at home as well as work hard in rehearsals.
- My teacher is here to help me. I can ask her for help at any time.
- Honor choir members are chosen based on their singing ability, energy, enthusiasm, commitment to excellence, and desire to improve their voice.
- As an Honor Choir Member, I am a representative of Aledo ISD; therefore, I must behave as an example for others.

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## 2022-23 Honor Choir Schedule

All Rehearsals will be from 4:45-6:15pm in the HS Choir Room.

10/18 Rehearsal– short parent meeting following.

10/25 Rehearsal

11/1 Rehearsal

11/8 Rehearsal

11/15 Rehearsal

11/22 Holiday

11/29 Rehearsal

12/6 Rehearsal

**12/12 Christmas Concert**

1/3 Holiday

1/10 Rehearsal

1/17 Break

1/24 Rehearsal

1/31 Rehearsal

2/7 Rehearsal

2/14 Rehearsal

2/21 Rehearsal (except MS solo night)

2/28 Rehearsal (except MS solo night)

3/7 Break

3/14 Spring Break (no rehearsal)

3/21 Rehearsal

**3/28 Concert**

4/4 Rehearsal

4/11 Rehearsal

**4/14-15 or 4/21-22 Spring Trip/Festival**

4/25 Rehearsal (after MS festival?)

5/2 Rehearsal

**5/16 Concert**