

# FVA All State Audition Contract

## FVA District \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased that your child has chosen to audition for this year's Florida All State Chorus. This process is a most rigorous one and will challenge the musicianship skills of each student.

The all-state chorus audition is made up of three sections: the Musicianship Exam, the Sight-reading Exam and the Vocal Audition. The Musicianship Exam, worth 30% of the total all-state audition, is a written test, which measures a singer's music theory skills. A score of at least 70% is necessary to continue to be eligible for an all-state seat. The Sight-reading Exam measures singers' ability to sight-sing unaccompanied exercises. It is worth 35% of the total all-state audition score. Singers in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades must read at least 8 measures correctly and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders must read at least 10 measures correctly to continue to be eligible for an all-state seat. The Vocal Audition is divided into two parts: the Technical Preparation (tests knowledge of correct rhythms and pitches) section and the Vocal Quality Audition section (measures Tone Quality and Musical Effect). The Technical Preparation portion of the exam is scored either pass or fail but is not assigned a percentage score in the overall audition score. A singer who does not demonstrate knowledge of the all-state songs will be failed but will have one opportunity to be reheard, pass and remain eligible for an all-state seat. The Vocal Quality section of the audition is worth 35% of the total composite score.

The Florida Vocal Association has set up the seat allocation as a representative system to help ensure that as many schools as possible are represented in the All State Choirs. While it seeks to award the highest scoring students the majority of the time, it does on occasion admit a lower scoring student from another school in its implementation. We want each parent and student to understand that it is possible for a lower scoring student to be placed in a choir over a higher scoring student. Each student, parent and director must sign and return this contract prior to the musicianship test and sight singing test in order to participate.

**It is the responsibility of the director, parent, and student to consult the rehearsal schedule posted on the FVA website. The address is: [www.FVA.net](http://www.FVA.net).** While all choirs have similar rehearsal schedules, some do have times that are different than others. All groups begin on Thursday and conclude on Saturday at different times. Attendance is required at ALL rehearsals and concerts, including Saturday events.

I have read and accept the contract.

Student Name (printed)	Student's Signature	Date
Parent Name (printed)	Parent's Signature	Date
School Name	School Director's Signature	Date