

2018 – 2019 SOUTH JERSEY JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS & SENIOR HIGH CHORUS

Information for Accepted Students

Attendance Policy

Students are allowed one absence from rehearsals; they may not miss the final rehearsal or either of the performances. Please note that missing part of a rehearsal is considered an absence. No additional rehearsals may be missed for any length of time or for any reason (save one, see below) so please plan accordingly. A second rehearsal absence will result in immediate dismissal from the chorus.

There is only one instance in which a student may miss two rehearsals and maintain eligibility following testing. That is when both missed rehearsals are due to involvement in two of the following activities: SJ Band rehearsal, SJ Orchestra rehearsal, or All-State Band auditions. Should we need to use a snow date, students that are auditioning for either SJ Orchestra or SJ Band are excused. These absences are acceptable only when the sponsoring teacher informs the chorus Rehearsal Manager in advance of the conflicts.

Students should schedule college tests, SATs, family activities, and non-NJMEA musical events to avoid conflicts with SJCDA rehearsals. Students submit the application/fees with full knowledge of the Festival Chorus schedule and accept the responsibility to learn all music as indicated by the conductor.

Please keep snow dates available.

Lateness/Leaving Early

A student who arrives at a rehearsal after the conductor has completed warm-ups is considered late. That lateness counts as their one excused absence. The same goes for leaving rehearsal early. Students who are late to the final rehearsal or leave early will be dropped from the chorus.

Testing

Should a student be absent from a rehearsal, they will be tested at the next rehearsal on any material they missed during the previous rehearsal. Students may be tested alone or in small groups. Students may be removed from the chorus if a jury of choral directors (selected by the Coordinator) determines the student cannot capably perform their music. Members may be tested at any time to evaluate their knowledge of the concert repertoire. This includes testing by the conductor during rehearsal - students may be tested in quartets, octets or larger groupings, at the conductor's discretion.

Reciprocity

A student accepted into the chorus who then drops out takes this experience away from another student who would have gladly fulfilled the requirements if given the opportunity. Students who drop out between the audition and the first rehearsal are therefore not eligible to audition the following year.

Any student who is dismissed from the chorus due to two absences will not be permitted to audition for either the Junior or Senior High Chorus the following year. Members may not miss the final rehearsal prior to the concerts, under any circumstances (see above).

To receive the South Jersey Choir pin (Senior High), the certificate (Junior High), and be eligible to audition the following year, the student must be present at both concerts. **Please note: Students who are dismissed from the chorus due to failed testing are eligible to audition the following year.**

Participation

A student's grade level in school determines for which choir they will be eligible. Students in grades 7 - 9 must audition for the Junior High Chorus; grades 10 - 12 audition for the Senior High Chorus.

All participants must be members in good standing of their school choruses and remain so for the duration of their South Jersey Choral experience. Any actions by the student deemed disruptive or inappropriate by the SJCDA Board may result in immediate expulsion from the group. **Students must comply with the instructions of the SJCDA Executive Board and all choral directors assisting with rehearsals and performances.** Failure to comply with the musical and behavioral requests of the conductors and managers will be considered reason for immediate dismissal from the chorus.

Student members who also wish to audition for SJBODA and All-State instrumental ensembles should consult their music directors to coordinate schedules. Students audition for South Jersey Chorus prior to auditioning for these ensembles. A student may be a member of two SJBODA ensembles, or one SJBODA ensemble and one All-State Instrumental Ensemble and still fulfill their South Jersey Chorus obligation. This schedule must be coordinated with the SJCDA Coordinator.

Music

Music Packets will be sold prior to the start of the first rehearsal for \$30. Cash or check (made out to SJCDA) will be accepted. The cost covers the music, rehearsal CD, participation fee, and concert recording. Should a student have to miss the first rehearsal, they must make arrangements with their director or fellow chorister to pick up their packet and rehearsal CD. Each student must have a pencil and a copy of all music at every rehearsal.

Miscellaneous

Under no circumstances should students, their parents, or administrators contact the SJCDA Managers, Festival Coordinator, or Executive Board members. Any problems or concerns on the part of parents or students should be managed by the participating choral director who has sponsored that student.

Should the instance arise that a student remains at the rehearsal or performance site longer than 30 minutes after the scheduled completion and the student is unable to arrange immediate transportation from the site, the local law enforcement agency will be contacted and the parents/guardians held responsible for contacting the police to claim their child.

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Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

Students should arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled rehearsal start times.

Saturday, December 1	Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 1:30 – 5:30 pm at Lenape High School Music must be purchased at this rehearsal (cash or check only)
Saturday, December 15	Snow Date Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Lenape High School
Saturday, January 5	Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Lenape High School
Thursday, January 10	Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm at Rowan University Scholarship Auditions Students must bring lunch; food will not be available for purchase
Saturday, January 12	Snow Date Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm at Lenape High School
Friday, January 18	Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 5:30 – 9:30 pm at Lenape High School
Friday, January 25	Jr./Sr. Chorus Rehearsal, 5:30 – 9:30 pm at Washington Twp. High School Students absent for any reason from this rehearsal will not perform in the concerts
Saturday, January 26	61st Annual SJCDA Choral Festival Concert at Washington Township HS 8:00 pm concert; 7:00 pm call time; students must bring choir robes
Sunday, January 27	61st Annual SJCDA Choral Festival Concert at Washington Township HS 4:00 pm concert; 3:00 pm call time; students must bring choir robes
Monday, January 28	Concert Snow Date at Washington Township HS; 7:00 pm call, 8:00 pm concert

Should there be any cancellation or postponement of rehearsals and/or concerts due to inclement weather, the Rehearsal Managers will notify all participating choir directors. Choral directors are then responsible for contacting their students. Under no circumstances should students or their parents contact the SJCDA managers or festival coordinator.

Updates to the calendar will be posted on www.sjcda.net
and on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southjerseychorus