2019-2020 Elementary All-State Festival
Chorus - Grades 4, 5 & 6

Concert Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
(snow date: March 16, 2020, times TBD)

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2020; register online at www.rimea.org

Site: Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Fee: $50 per student selected to participate (no fee to nominate)

Tickets: $10, available at rehearsals or at the door

Chair: Derek Sabatini
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Conductor/Managers: www.rimea.org/allstate_conductors

Rehearsal Schedule:
Saturday, February 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
@ Mt. Pleasant HS, Providence

Saturday, March 14, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with lunch (provided)
@ Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence

Sponsoring Teachers:
- Sponsoring teachers must be active members of RIMEA.
- Students should be members of their school choral group in order to be nominated.

Selection of Students:
- Open to students in school grades 4 - 6 who are members of their school chorus.
- Sponsors can nominate up to 10 students (per school), in matched pairs (soprano and alto, or the preferred “can sing either part”). ALL students need to be tiered (ranked) by the sponsoring teacher. For example, if you nominate 8 students, 4 must be sopranos and 4 must be altos. You can nominate an odd number, but you must balance them as equally as possible. (i.e. 5 sopranos and 4 altos). In addition, you can also nominate each student as being able to sing either part, which is often the case with elementary voices.
- The Elementary All-State Chorus will be made up of 150 students, equally assigned (when possible) from each school. (Sponsors can nominate students from more than one school.) For example, if only fifteen schools nominate students, up to 10 students may be taken from each school. If fifty schools nominate students, then only 3 students will be taken from each school. This is why it is very important that sponsors “rank” their students on the nomination form, rather than listing them alphabetically.
- Shortly after the deadline, sponsors will be notified of student acceptance, parts will be assigned as necessary. Contracts need to be submitted online by Friday, January 31, 2020. Music will then be mailed to sponsors.

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All-State Festival Attendance Policy

- Accepted students must attend 100% of all rehearsals and his or her performance. In the case of the All-State Elementary Chorus, this means the ENTIRE day on both days.
- If a student misses any part of any rehearsal that student thereby forfeits his or her eligibility to participate in that festival.

Teachers:
- Please stress to your students the obligations they assume when accepting a position in an All-State performing group. Late withdrawal from any festival may jeopardize future participation in other festivals.
- As sponsoring teacher, it is your responsibility to prepare your students for All-State rehearsals. Your input will help a great deal toward maximizing the integrity and musical quality of our ensembles.

Music:
- Music will be mailed to sponsors after the contract have been submitted online. Practice MP3s will be made available, but students will be required to learn their music BEFORE arriving at the first rehearsal. **Music is to be memorized for performance: students will not be allowed to use sheet music for the performance.**
- All music must be returned to the Festival Chair at the conclusion of the concert.

RIMEA strongly recommends an official school chaperone be present the day of Elementary All-State