

ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR HANDBOOK 2023-24

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SDHSAA ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR REGULATIONS

Review Information in the General Music Handbook for regulations pertaining to all music events.

1. The All-State Show Choir is a program of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. General supervision and control is in the hands of the SDHSAA. The All-State Show Choir Committee shall be selected and organized by the SDHSAA.
2. All financing of the program is handled by the SDHSAA. All receipts go into the treasury of the SDHSAA and all disbursements in payment of bills for the program are to be made from the SDHSAA treasury.
3. The dates and sites for the event shall be established by the SDHSAA. The All-State Show Choir performance will occur in conjunction with the All-State Jazz Band performance.
4. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**
 - Any student, grade 9-12, who is a regular member of an SDHSAA member school's show choir or vocal program is eligible to audition, provided that all other eligibility requirements are also met.
 - 52 singers will be accepted – 13 singers per voice (if audition quality is not deemed to be high enough, fewer singers can be accepted based on judge recommendations)
5. **AUDITIONS:** A system of auditioning shall be used to determine the members of the All-State Show Choir. The SDHSAA shall determine the schedule of the auditions and the judges for the auditions.
 - a. **Audition Entry Forms:** The audition entry form must be submitted online. It can be found in the **Bound Area** on the SDHSAA website: www.sdhsaa.com.
 - b. **“Audition Forms” submitted after March 1 shall be assessed a \$50.00 late fee payable to SDHSAA.**
 - c. **Audition requirements:**
 - i) Audition materials can be obtained by logging onto the SDHSAA website. The audition information will be posted on the website by **January 20**.
 - ii) Directors will submit quality video recordings of individual student auditions containing all required audition material, including a vocal audition as well as a choreographed dance routine.
 - iii) Recordings shall be submitted online.
 - iv) The audition recordings shall be submitted, as designated by the SDHSAA. After the adjudicators have rated the recorded auditions, the results will be returned to the SDHSAA for participant selection.
 - v) Students will sing with accompaniment in their recorded auditions unless the music calls for acapella.
6. **SHOW BAND:** The Show Band will be comprised of adult members. The State Show Choir Chair will seek out volunteers to fill the Show Band positions. The show band instrumentation will be as follows: Piano, Synthesizer, Bass, Drum Set, Guitar (woodwinds and brass can be added if needed).
7. **JUDGES:** The SDHSAA will hire four judges (1 judge per voice) to judge all auditions.
8. **SELECTION:** After the results of the auditions have been tabulated, the personnel of the All-State Show Choir will be selected on the basis of audition scores. 52 singers will be selected; 13 singers per voice. (If the audition quality is not deemed to be high enough, fewer singers can be accepted based on judge recommendations.)
 - a. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken by:
 1. “Tone Quality” ballot score
 2. Sum of scores for “Execution/Intensity of Movement”
 3. Grade level in school
 4. Previous years experience in All-State Show Choir
 - d. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR PERSONNEL:** The announcement of the names of the students selected for the Show Choir shall be made by posting the listings on the SDHSAA website. The posting will occur the Monday after All-State Band.
9. **ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance is required at all rehearsals.** Students not in their rehearsal space at the beginning of rehearsal will need to meet the following:
 - a. Show Choir members tardy to a rehearsal session, along with their director, must report to the All-State Show Choir Chairperson or All-State official before entering the rehearsal. The student(s) and director will give a

verbal explanation of the reason for the tardiness. If the All-State Show Choir Chairperson or All-State official accepts the explanation, the student(s) will be admitted to the Show Choir immediately.

- b. If the explanation is denied, the student(s) and director will appear before the Show Choir Committee prior to being admitted to the rehearsal. The SDHSAA will send a letter to the student’s school administration, and local school discipline policy will be followed.
 - c. Any student(s) missing a rehearsal, and their director, will be required to meet with the Show Choir Committee during the next rehearsal session to explain their absence. If the Show Choir Committee accepts the explanation, the student will be readmitted to the Show Choir rehearsal immediately.
 - d. If the absence is not excused by the Show Choir Committee, a letter will be sent by the SDHSAA to the administration of the Show Choir member’s school indicating the absence occurred and that the explanation was unacceptable. Local school discipline policy will be followed.
 - e. Show Choir students may not leave the rehearsal space during the rehearsal times, unless granted permission from the Show Choir clinicians.
 - f. **Rehearsals are not to be missed. The following examples are not limited reasons for unacceptable absence from rehearsals: athletic or other practice, athletic or other contests, or standardized testing dates.**
10. **PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:** For the All-State performance, a uniform outfit will be determined by the vocal clinician and choreographer prior to auditions being judged. The performance attire requirements will be posted on the SDHSAA website as soon as the audition results are posted. Students selected for the All-State Show Choir will be responsible for purchasing their own performance attire.
11. **HAIR/MAKE-UP/PROPS:** The vocal clinician and choreographer will decide on a hair and make-up design, which will be posted on the SDHSAA website. Student participants will be responsible for their own hair and make-up. No props will be used at All-State Show Choir.
12. **AWARDS:** Each All-State Show Choir member will receive a medal. Four-year All-State Show Choir members will receive a plaque.
13. **SDHSAA ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR TICKET/PASS POLICY**
 The only tickets/passes for admittance into All-State Jazz Band & Show Choir shall be those issued by the SDHSAA. The tickets/passes issued will be based upon the following formula*:

Directors/Chaperones:		14.	
<u>Students in Show Choir</u>	<u>Tickets/Passes Issued</u>	15. Award Recipients:	1 or 2 tickets/passes per
1 to 4 students -	2 tickets/passes	16. (i.e. “Hall of Fame”)	recipient (as needed)
5 or more students -	3 tickets/passes		

*NOTE: tickets/passes are only issued to music directors who have students participating in the Show Choir

NOTE:
All students participating at All-State Show Choir or any other SDHSAA sponsored music event shall be accompanied by qualified staff personnel or will be prohibited from participating.

FUTURE ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND/SHOW CHOIR DATES & SITES
(Standard Calendar Week 44)

2023-24	May 2-4, 2024	Aberdeen – NSU
2024-25	May 1-3, 2025	Brandon Valley HS
2025-26	May 7-9, 2026	Mitchell PAC