

Dear Elementary Music Teachers,

I am happy to announce an exciting opportunity for your 4th-6th grade students! Every year, the Idaho American Choral Directors Association sponsors an Elementary All-State Honor Choir. This year, the Honor Choir is being held in Meridian at Rocky Mountain High School.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young singers, especially in the Southwest Idaho area, to have an honor choir experience and to sing in a large choir, under the direction of a nationally known clinician! Our 2026 Idaho Elementary School Honor Choir Clinician is Dr. Lynn Brinckmeyer. Dr. Brinckmeyer is one of the most outstanding pedagogues and directors of children's choirs in our country. Your singers will have the opportunity of a lifetime working with her! Check out her bio on the website.

The Elementary Honor Choir will be a one-day event on **Saturday, February 27, 2026**. Students will check in that morning, rehearse through the day, have a dress rehearsal and performance that evening. It's a full day packed with music, new friends, and opportunities!

Elementary students do not need to audition for the Honor Choir. Students are recommended by YOU, their teacher, to participate. Choir directors are allowed to recommend your top 5-8 students but can recommend fewer students as well. I suggest you begin by considering which students you would choose (create a written list, with a few extra names on it). Contact those first five to eight families to see if they accept the invitation for their child to participate. If a family declines, you can go straight to those extra names! After receiving consent from your students' parents and guardians, you can go online and officially recommend them to participate. **Please note: each school that sends students must provide a minimum of 1 chaperone to be present throughout the day to help be responsible for your group of students.** As a long-time choral director myself, I loved chaperoning my students at honor choir events. These experiences are transformative, not only for our young singers, but also for the choral educators in the room! I have always found valuable tools to take back to my classroom and share with all my singers.

The cost is \$85 per student to participate to defray the cost of music, practice tracks, tee shirt, lunch and dinner, a full day of rehearsals with our wonderful clinician, and the chance to perform at Rocky Mountain High School Auditorium. All forms and fees will be due December 19, 2025.

We have opportunities for families, educators, and community members to support elementary students that may not have access to this event due to financial constraints. If you or members in your community are interested in sponsoring an elementary to attend All-State, please visit this link: <https://idacda.org/donate>. Thank you!

To recommend your students, pay registration fees, and find more detailed information, please visit <https://idacda.org/allstate2026/elementary/>. The online portal is quick and easy to use!

We would love to have a 2026 Idaho All-State Elementary Choir that is 100 singers strong! What a fantastic opportunity for your students to create lifelong music memories! Deadline for recommendation/registration is **Friday, December 19, 2025. All forms and fees are due at that time.**

Please reach out with any questions!

Warmly,

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