

Dear Junior High and Middle School Music Colleagues,

Registration for student auditions is now open for the ACDA Junior High School Honor Choir, happening February 27-28, 2026! **Students in grades 6-9 are eligible to audition.** The honor choir will be a part of the ACDA statewide gathering of two honor choirs of Elementary and Junior High School on the campus of Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian. Check-in for the junior high singers will be 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Friday, February 27, with rehearsals all day on Friday and again on Saturday, February 28. The gala concert will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 PM (with the All-State Elementary concert immediately preceding it at 6PM).

Please visit <https://idacda.org/allstate2026/jr.high/> to practice and perform the audition, upload it and pay the \$10/singer registration fee, all in one place. The auditions will be blind, meaning that each singer will be assigned a number, and the judges will only be able to identify the students by number as they listen and score each audition.

Audition:

Each singer will sing along to an audition backtrack and will:

- 1) sing a two-octave F major scale on “la” in their preferred octave (drop out when it gets too low)
- 2) sing a series of intervals (D major triad, D minor triad, D tri-tone, 1-8-7 starting on D)
- 3) sing *Happy Birthday, Dear Abbie* in the key of D major. This track can be found at <https://idacda.org/allstate2026/jrhigh/>.

One of the biggest questions we get each year is how to differentiate the 6th graders. If your singer attends middle school, your 6th grader should register for the junior high honor choir. If your singer is in an elementary chorus, you should have them register for the Elementary Honor Choir.

Our 2026 Junior High ACDA Honor Choir clinician is Annie Stanger from Spokane, Washington. Annie is a consummate professional, an up-and-comer on the national ACDA scene, and an absolute firecracker! Your students will love their opportunity to work with her.

Cost:

There is a \$10 nonrefundable registration/audition fee. Once accepted, the cost is \$110 to participate in this elite two-day event for Idaho’s TOP performers and includes music, snacks, meals, and an immersive choral experience with Ms. Stanger. Your singers may have additional costs associated with a 1- or 2-night hotel stay if your singer is traveling to Boise. We have opportunities for families, educators, and community members to provide extra funds to support students that may not have access to this event due to financial constraints. If you or members in your community are interested in sponsoring a Jr. High student to attend All-State, please visit this link: <https://idacda.org/donate>.

Deadline for registration and audition submission has been extended to December 19. We will be notifying your singer’s choral teacher of our accepted students by January 1 and will have more details about the rehearsal schedule. Please encourage and assist your singers to audition!

Warmly,

Serena Jenkins Clark
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Director's Checklist (once students have been accepted)

Please read these instructions carefully and follow the checklist to ensure that your students are properly registered for the Jr. High All-State Honor Choir. Failure to do so can prevent your student's participation in the All-State group.

- Distribute *Medical Form/Release of Liability Form, Student Contract, and Parent Information Sheet* to all students/parents selected for the Jr. High All-State Honor Choir. You can either hand out hard copies or email the forms for them to fill out and scan.
- Collect all *Medical Forms/Release of Liability Forms, Student Contracts*, and fees from the students/parents.
- Register all singers at <https://idacda.org/allstate2025/jrhigh/>. You will need to know the singers' name; t-shirt size; gender (male/female/unstated); grade; voice part (soprano/alto); home address; and parent/guardian name/phone/email.
- Directors will collect money from parents and then make one large payment online for all students. Payments can be made on the Idaho ACDA website.
 - This payment can be made by credit card or purchase order. If paying with a PO, please get that going right away so they can be received by January 16. An invoice will be emailed to you. You may need to check your spam folders; please check both email addresses you submitted with registration.
 - **You MUST include this invoice with your mailed check to assure that payment is properly applied.**
 - Please include the memo *IDACDA All-State 2026* on your checks (\$110 per student).
- Please make sure you copy all forms for your records.

2025 All-State Honor Choir

The AUDITION DEADLINE for completed audition submission & \$10 audition fee is due December 19, by 11:59 PM. Please contact Serena Jenkins Clark with any questions. Auditions submitted without audition fees may be subject to a late charge.

Music will be sent out to each student via the director **AFTER** fees and forms have been received. It is the director's responsibility to make sure students bring their music to the Honor Choir event. No photocopies of the music will be permitted for use during the Honor Choir event.

REFUND POLICY: If a student pays the registration fee & drops out, they will receive a refund when the music is returned to the choir director and ACDA manager. Refunds will not be provided after February 1st, 2026.

Important Dates:

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| → December 19, 2025 | Registration and \$10 Audition Payments Due |
| → January 1, 2026 | Notification of Acceptance |
| → January 16, 2026 | Registration and payment \$110 due. |
| → January 19, 2026 | Music Distributed, Practice tracks available |
| → February 1, 2026 | Final schedule emailed to directors |
| → February 27, 2026 | All-State Check In 7:30-8:00 a.m. |