

Wakeland High School Choir

“What is All-Region Choir?”

Each year, many of our WHS choir students audition for a place in the All-Region Choir. We always look forward to placing students in the All-Region Choir. Placing singers in the All-Region choir is one of the signs of a healthy, successful choir program.

Membership in the All-Region / All-State Choirs is a prestigious accomplishment that promotes the student's vocal talents. It is quite impressive on college resumes as more and more, they seek well-rounded applicants. The average SAT and ACT scores of the All-Region / All-State Choirs are significantly above the state average.

In high school, the process for All-Region Choir auditions begins much earlier than in middle school. The music is more complex and the auditions are in mid-September; therefore, preparation begins much earlier.

On the choir website, you will find the information necessary to get started purchasing and learning the All-Region audition music.

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This *optional* audition is a process during which the All-Region choir is selected from among many choir students in several area school districts. If a student places high enough, they then advance to the next level toward membership in the All-State Choir.

Students who are selected for the All-Region choir participate in a 2-day rehearsal and concert in mid-November. It is an awesome group!

Students who wish to try out for the All-Region choir prepare 3 assigned audition pieces. Audition preparations begin at the beginning of summer.

How do I get started?

On the WHS Choir website, www.wakelandchoir.org, there is a page entitled “All-Region Choir”. There you will find a document that guides you through the beginning stages.

What is All-Region choir camp?

Choir camp is an experience during which the students get a “head start” on the advanced level of audition music. During the camps, the daytime is spent learning the music and receiving audition tips. At night there are fun activities for the students. You will find information on various university choir camps on the WHS choir website. Students stay in the college dorms and have a terrific time.

Voice Lessons

Some students will want / need to begin learning the music with our private voice teacher during the summer. If not, I strongly recommend that lessons get started the first week of school. If you are interested in getting started this summer, please contact me and I will forward your name to our private voice instructor. For those who want to begin taking lessons in the fall, we will give you information at the start of the year. Please don't let the “newness” of the high school choir experience discourage you from auditioning or from asking questions. I'm happy that you're now a part of the WHS Choirs and I am here to guide you.