

AISA ELEMENTARY CHORAL FESTIVAL

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There will be an annual Elementary Choral Festival inviting all members to attend.
 - a. A Coordinator will be selected annually for the Elementary Choral Festival.
 - b. The elementary choral group may include grades 1-6.
 - c. At the elementary choral festival, each choral group will select and perform two songs for a panel of three judges. Each group must bring three copies of each song with measures numbered for the judges. NOTE: Sight-reading will not be included in judging.
 - d. All AISA member schools' choral programs may participate; however, if a group received an overall rating of lower than "III" at the festival the previous year, the headmaster must co-sign the application to signify that the group has been observed and is ready to represent the school at an acceptable level of performance.
 - e. When groups are in the formative stage or are having a "down year," the conductor is encouraged to participate "For Comments Only".
 - f. Festival fees will be reviewed and determined annually, based on current income and expenses.
2. **Minimum criteria for an AISA school's chorus to participate in the State Elementary Choral Festival follow:**
 - a. There must have been at least 15 hours of organized practice by the group during the school year prior to the AISA Choral Festival.
 - b. The group must be ready to perform from memory the two selections to be sung in the festival.
3. Each elementary choral group will be graded by a panel of three judges selected by the Elementary Choral Festival Coordinator and approved by the AISA office.
4. Each director and elementary choral group will perform in uniforms (if available) or in "Sunday clothes."
5. Each of the six principles cited on the rating sheet is to be graded A, B, C, or D, and the final rating for a chorus is to be one of the following:

I - Superior
II - Excellent
III - Good

Judges' sheets will be reviewed annually and changed as needed.

Principles include: Tone and Intonation, Technique (blend, balance, ensemble), Rhythm, Diction, Stage Presence, Selection (Difficulty, Appropriateness)
6. The elementary chorus fee is \$150.00 per choir entry and not per school. Entry fees are non-refundable.

7. **PAYMENTS FOR ADJUDICATORS OF ELEMENTARY CHORAL FESTIVAL:**
Three judges will work with the Elementary Festival. Each will receive \$100.00 plus 50 cents per mile (round trip).
8. **PAYMENT FOR ELEMENTARY CHORAL FESTIVAL COORDINATOR** is \$200.00. If the Coordinator incurs expenses, these will be paid from Music Fees.
9. **CHORAL AWARDS**—Each participating school will receive a plaque.
10. **SUBMISSIONS** - Each group will be scored on the two selections it performs from memory. Each group will **submit three copies of the selections with each measure being numbered** to the Festival Chairperson prior to the Festival.

B. ENTRY FEE

1. An entry fee of \$150.00 per school will be required. Your entry fee should be submitted to the AISA office at least one week prior to the event.
2. Entry fees are non-refundable.

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AISA Elementary Choral Festival Judging Form

School Name: _____ Time: _____

Composition #1/ Composer: _____

Composition #2/ Composer: _____

FACTORS EVALUATED	COMMENTS	SCORE (A, B, C, OR D)
TONE AND INTONATION		
TECHNIQUE Blend Balance Ensemble		
RHYTHM		
DICTION		
STAGE PRESENCE		
SELECTION Difficulty Appropriateness		

OVERALL SCORE: _____ (I, II, or III)

I – Superior
II – Excellent
III – Good

Judge: _____

Elementary Choral Festival

This registration form and the non-refundable \$150.00 registration fee must arrive at the AISA office by **March 12, 2027.**

School: _____

Elementary Choral Director: _____

Choral Director's Email: _____

Name of Group: _____

Number of Students in the Group: _____

PERFORMANCE TIME REQUESTED:

(PLEASE INDICATE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD CHOICES OF TIMES TO PERFORM. TIMES WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. SCHOOLS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR PERFORMANCE TIMES. **THE COORDINATOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES WILL DETERMINE THE PERFORMANCE TIMES.**

9:00 _____	10:45 _____	12:30 _____
9:15 _____	11:00 _____	12:45 _____
9:30 _____	11:15 _____	1:00 _____
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10:00 _____	11:45 _____	1:30 _____
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