

EASTERN SHORE CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
ALL-SHORE CHORAL CONTRACT

The Eastern Shore Choral Directors Association (ESCDA) offers middle and high school students the opportunity to participate in All-Shore Chorus under the direction of regional outstanding choral conductors. This experience is not only musical but also educational and social. Such an activity requires much responsibility and work from all participants involved—teachers, students and guardians. Therefore it is important that all members and their parents understand the regulations and policies of the All-Shore Chorus.

Failure to comply with any of these regulations will result in dismissal from the Chorus. In the event that action becomes necessary, the students will be asked to return home and their school will be notified. Parents will be asked to arrange suitable and immediate transportation home for those dismissed. No further responsibility will be assumed by ESCDA.

1. Every Chorus member must be enrolled in a school group during the current school year.
2. A Chorus member must arrive at rehearsal on time and remain until the entire group is dismissed. Tardiness due to an extreme emergency will be given consideration. Absence from all or part of a rehearsal is not permitted.
3. A Chorus member is expected to know all of the notes and rhythms in their voice part in every piece. Lack of proper preparation may result in dismissal.
4. Courtesy, respect and mannerly conduct are expected from each Chorus member at rehearsal. Unnecessary talking, chewing gum and any other distractive behaviors are not permitted.
5. Juvenile pranks and vandalism will not be tolerated. The student and their guardian will pay for any damage caused by the student.
6. Drinking or possession of any controlled substance is strictly forbidden. A note from guardian or medical authority must verify drugs needed for medical reasons.
7. Chorus members are subject to all rules and regulations of the host school.
8. Appropriate dress rehearsals should follow normal school clothing policies. Concert dress is required and guidelines are attached.
9. All music for the concert remains property of ESCDA. Each member must return the music before leaving the stage area at the end of the concert. Student will be charged the purchase price for any music that is not returned.
10. A fee is required for participation is required in the Chorus. This supplements the costs of meals and award for the event and provides each singer with two tickets.
11. A student who for any reason cannot participate in All-Shore Chorus must notify their choral director as soon as possible so an alternate may be selected.

ALL-SHORE CHORUS CONCERT ATTIRE

Those students that are not dressed properly will not be permitted to sing in the concert.

Junior Chorus

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| Gentlemen | White long sleeve shirt, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes, long dark colored tie (solid print). |
| Ladies | White long sleeve blouse, black skirt (below knee, but NOT ankle length), black stockings, black dress shoes. |

Senior Chorus

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| Gentlemen | White long sleeve shirt, black trousers, black socks, black shoes, long dark colored tie (solid print). |
| Ladies | White long sleeve blouse, black skirt (ankle length only), black stockings, black dress shoes. |

Please note that other “dark” colors (red, brown, etc) are not acceptable, please wear black. Shoes and trousers should be dress appropriate (no jeans or sneakers).

Appropriate Hair: Hair styles for the All-Shore Chorus should be conservative and uniform. Hair should not cover any part of singers face, nor should there be any outlandish colors or accessories (glitter etc.). Hair style should also be close to the head as we are in close proximity on the risers.

Appropriate Jewelry: Students are encouraged to wear previous All-Shore or All-State medals. No personal jewelry should be worn during the concerts. No earrings, nose rings or other body piercings, necklaces, rings, bracelets, watches or anklets.

Health reminder: Please do not wear perfume, cologne, hair spray or any other scented products during the concert. Many people are allergic or have asthma and fragrances can cause problems in close quarters.

The Eastern Shore Choral Directors Association Executive Board is the sole discretion on a student’s behavior, dress, preparation, attitude during this festival. Please be aware of all behavior expectations and dress codes.