



## GMEA & Brookwood Honor Ensembles

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### BHS Chorus Parents,

Your student has shown an interest in the honor ensembles offered at Brookwood! We will begin pre-auditions soon during the second week of school. Students will need to sign up for an after school audition time, as a student must pass the pre-audition at BHS in order to audition for district or state events. The audition will consist of a sight reading example, vocalise examples, and a student prepared, memorized 30 second selection of their choice. One audition can cover all of these events, plus the BHS Select Ensembles. Just because an interest is shown does NOT guarantee them a spot in either of the choruses. **Please read the explanation of each event carefully!**

#### Georgia All-State Chorus:

- There are 2 auditions for All-State (hosted by Georgia Music Educators Association)
  - Audition 1- November 2, 2024 @ Lanier High School. During this audition they will sing all 3 scales, a prepared solo, and 3 sight reading examples. Students are given a score out of 66 points, so aim high! Mandatory audition help will be scheduled after school; more details will be given to selected students.
    - COST: Approximately \$25
  - Audition 2- January 23, 2025 @ GSMST. Students will receive 5-7 pieces of music in November if they pass the first audition. I will provide some assistance if needed; however, the students are responsible for learning the music on their own. They will receive recordings to assist in learning the music.
    - COST: Around \$25, plus the cost of music (approximately \$20).
- If the student makes both auditions, they are in All-State Chorus!
  - All State Chorus- February 13-15, 2025 in Athens, Georgia.
    - COST: Food & optional expenses (t-shirts, recordings, etc.), **plus hotel costs**. Students will be sharing rooms. More details regarding hotel costs will be available in December. Previous year's hotel costs have been around \$170.
    - Note: This is a student holiday weekend.
- Students rehearse all day Thursday, Friday, and half day on Saturday.
- If enough students make all-state, we will take a bus. If not, I will need parent help for transportation.

#### District 13 GMEA Honor Chorus:

- October 18-19, 2024 - Athens, GA
- No auditions-there are nominations.
  - When nominations are made students will need to bring in their registration fee. Students who do not will lose their spot to the next student on the waiting list.
    - EVENT COST: Around \$70 plus food.
- We will drive back and forth to Athens each day.
- Students will receive a packet of music with 5-7 songs; Students are responsible for learning the music on their own. They will receive MP3 files to assist in learning the music; I will assess student's mastery of the music.
  - We will use bus transportation to and from Athens on October 18; the bus will only take us to Athens on October 19.
  - Students go home with parents after concert Saturday. (Transportation will NOT be provided home Saturday).



### **GMEA All-State Reading Chorus**

Event Date: January 30-Feb 1, 2025

Location: Classic Center, Athens, GA

The All-State Reading Chorus is for students with exceptional sight-reading skill. The event features a student choir that sight-reads a large number of pieces over the course of the weekend. The reading chorus event culminates in a concert that includes at least one piece never rehearsed to be sight read in front of an audience.

Audition: October 24 – Buford HS

Cost: Around \$25 to audition, \$25 if you are accepted.

Event Costs: You will be responsible for securing your hotel, transportation, and food. Mr. Still will be in a conference at the same time as the event, so parents should be prepared to be available.

### **BHS Select Ensembles**

#### **Honors Chorale**

BHS Honors Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble open to students in grades 10-12 through audition only. Students will meet afterschool approximately once a week, from 2:20-3:10pm on Tuesdays. Students must be in their second year of Brookwood chorus or greater to be eligible. Chorale members will perform at Five Forks MS and Crews MS on the evening of October 3.

#### **Camerata**

Camerata is open to senior treble students by audition only. Students will meet after school occasionally to prepare literature for concerts and other community events.

**Please address me with questions or concerns.  
Please speak with me in advance if fees will be an issue.**