



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIDEO ASSESSMENTS AND AUDITIONS

All assessments and auditions must be completed by June 10, 2019 for admission to choir for the 2019-2020 season.

Assessment and Audition fee of \$10 is payable through the payment button on the [Join the Choir](#) page of our website: hancockcountychildrenschoir.org

Students in grades K-3:

Schedule a Google Hangouts conversation with Mrs. Tricia Bagnall, Early Elementary Director by emailing her with parent's name, child's name and age, and the phone number that will be used for the audition. She will contact you to schedule a time to do the interview. The paragraph below describes what we do during an assessment.

Mrs. Tricia Bagnall: tlbagnall@gmail.com

CC AND PA ENSEMBLE (GRADES K-3): Students will be assessed for their developmental readiness to participate in choir. Directors will converse with the student as well as perform a simple pitch matching exercise. Finally, students will be asked to sing a simple and familiar song. This assessment is completed in a supportive and fun environment.

Students in grades 4-8:

Send an email to Mrs. Tiffany Richards with parent's name, child's name and age, and the phone number that will be used for the audition. Include a 60-second video of your child singing a song familiar to him/her (video content described below). Please be sure to have your child say his/her name on the video before singing. Mrs. Richards will then contact you to schedule a FaceTime conversation to complete the audition.

Mrs. Tiffany Richards: seanandtiffanyrichards@gmail.com

PC ENSEMBLE (GRADES 4-6): Each student will complete a simple pitch-matching exercise and will sing a song of his/her choice. This song should be something that the student knows well and that is set in a comfortable range, for example, a familiar Christmas carol, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, etc. The song will be performed without accompaniment, and the director will only need one minute's worth of singing for assessment. During the FaceTime conversation, students will also be asked to clap a rhythm. *These exercises are for assessment only. A student will not be penalized for lack of musical experience.*

BV/RC ENSEMBLES (GRADES 7-8): The audition will consist of 3 components:

SINGING: Students choose and prepare to sing a 60-second segment of a song of their choice in their vocal range. This is to be sung without accompaniment. Directors will be looking for confidence and the ability to sing out, expression, clarity of tone, clear diction, appropriate facial expression and ability to communicate. Students may use a piano, pitch pipe, or other instrument to play their beginning note. Students will also be asked to repeat a five-note musical phrase.

SIGHT READING: Students will sight read a line. *For assessment only. Students will not be penalized for inability to sight read.*

INTERVIEW: Students will have a one-minute interview with director. This interview will allow the student to express why he/she desires to be a choir member.

Students in grades 9-12

Send an email to Mrs. Gayle Roschi with parent's name, student's name and age, and the phone number that will be used for the audition. Include a 60-second video of the student singing a song familiar to him/her (video content described below). Please be sure to have your student say his/her name on the video before singing. Mrs. Roschi will then contact you to schedule a FaceTime conversation to complete the audition.

Mrs. Gayle Roschi: gayleroschi@gmail.com

AV/CL HONOR ENSEMBLES, MENS AND LADIES ENSEMBLES (GRADES 9-12): The audition will consist of 3 components:

SINGING: Students choose and prepare to sing a 60-second segment of a song of their choice in their vocal range. This is to be sung without accompaniment. Directors will be looking for confidence and the ability to sing out, expression, clarity of tone, clear diction, appropriate facial expression and ability to communicate. Students may use a piano, pitch pipe, or other instrument to play their beginning note. Students will also be asked to repeat a five-note musical phrase.

SIGHT READING: Students will sight read a line. *For assessment only. Students will not be penalized for inability to sight read.*

INTERVIEW: Students will have a one-minute interview with director. This interview will allow the student to express why he/she desires to be a choir member.

More questions?

Contact Lisa Heady: lheady@hccchoir.org

