



AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY Choir Department

2014 Solo and Ensemble Festival

We have the privilege here at American Leadership Academy of participating in a Solo and Ensemble Festival at a local, region, and state level. All choir students are encouraged to participate, but members of Encore are required to participate as part of their Performance Participation grade for the third term.

This festival, for our own musical students and growth, will take place after school on Wednesday, March 5, 2013, from 2:00-3:00 (Date may change depending on Region Solo & Ensemble Festival Date).

Your involvement in the festival follows:

1. You may choose to sing a high quality solo or sing in an ensemble. You may participate in no more than three entries.
2. Memorize the piece(s) of music, text, notes, harmonies, rhythms, etc.
3. Make sure the proper adjudication form, available in class, is filled out and given to the adjudicator prior to singing.
4. Original music with measure numbers on each measure that you have written neatly with pencil must be given to the adjudicator prior to singing.
5. Arrange for an accompanist for your piece. Mr. Lunt can play for some students, but only around 5. Mr. Blackburn and several students are available and capable for accompaniment.
6. Dress in appropriate performance attire (women in nice dress and men in ties and dress pants).

You will be judged on your performance on the following criteria:

1. Tone Quality: resonance, control, clarity, focus, consistency, warmth, and vowel formation
2. Intonation: accuracy to printed pitches
3. Rhythm: accuracy of note and rest values, duration, pulse, steadiness, and correctness of meters
4. Technique: posture, breath management, attacks, releases, and musical and/or technical mechanical skill
5. Interpretation, Musicianship: style, phrasing, tempo, dynamics, and emotional involvement
6. Diction: pronunciation, and clarity of text
7. Other Performance Factors: choice of literature, appropriate appearance, poise, general conduct, mannerisms, facial expressions, memory

ENCORE: The score you receive on your performance will determine half of our grade on this assignment. You will determine the other half of your score based on the first six requirements listed above, under "Your Involvement in the Festival Includes."

Performances will receive a ranking of I+, I, I-, II+, II, II-, III+, III, III-, IV+, IV, and IV-

* If you receive a ranking between a I+ and II-, at our local Festival held at ALA, you will be obligated to perform in the Region Solo and Ensemble Festival. Date and times are yet to be determined.

* If you receive a ranking of a I (Superior), you will be required to perform in the *State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Lone Peak High School, on Saturday, April 26*. (Evolution members may be attending Show Choir Nationals, but if not, and your piece is selected, you are required to attend the State Festival). Times are not yet determined.