



## What to Expect for AFHS Choir Auditions **CHOIR**

Auditions are generally limited to next year's juniors and seniors. Incoming sophomores should sign up for the Men's and Women's Choir. Students already taking a choir class should NOT sign up for a time as we will be doing those during class. Only students not currently in a choir at AFHS need sign up for an audition time.

Auditions will be done one on one with Mrs. Warby and will go in the following order:

1. Fill out the electronic audition form on your internet device. One is available for student use as well.
2. Sing a short song selection (16-32 bars) a cappella. You may use words if you need to.
3. Sight-sing a 4-measure melody with no help from the piano. You may choose to use solfege or not.
4. Count or clap a 4-measure rhythmic exercise.
5. Sing back a mode or scale a cappella AFTER Mrs. Warby plays it for you.
6. Check for the student's most comfortable singing range.

Students will be told if they have qualified for A Cappella Choir or Chamber Choir Call Backs at the conclusion of the audition.

Students who make the Chamber Choir Call Backs must be available March 18, 1:00-3:30 PM. Accommodations will be made for a student out with Covid or who is under quarantine.

The Call Back Auditions are in front of the group and will go in this order:

1. Students will be given a 4-part song to learn as a group. After about 10 minutes of rehearsal, students will stand in front of the group with one singer on each part and sing the rehearsed portion of the song. They will be graded on correct notes and rhythms, tone, volume, vocal technique, etc.
2. After all students have sung in the 4-part groups, Mrs. Warby will ask the students with highest scores to stay and sing with other students of the same part to check for blend and final voice part placement. Traditionally Chamber Choir has 4 people on each part (S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, B2). However, if more than 4 people on a part are well qualified then some sections may have as many as 5-6 people. The blending portion of the auditions will start with the bass section, followed by the tenors, altos, and sopranos.

Mrs. Warby will post the list of students in both Chamber and A Cappella Choirs on the choir website: ([www.afchoir.org](http://www.afchoir.org)) the weekend following auditions. This allows disappointed students to deal with any feelings at home rather than in front of peers at school.

Students not placed in Chamber Choir that were on the call-back list will automatically be placed in the A Cappella Choir unless they request otherwise. A Cappella Choir is offered A2 and Chamber Choir is A3.