

2026 Program

These are the pieces included in the packet which will be part of the audition process in October.

The 2026 All-State Chorus Conductor will be Dr. Christopher Aspaas, Texas Christian University

America the Beautiful w/Band	Bates/Ward arr. Carmen Dragon	Dragon Music
The Heavens are Telling <i>from "The Creation"</i>	F. J. Haydn (1732 - 1809) SATB/with 3 solos (each a group of 4)	Hal Leonard HL 50322250
O Great Spirit/Let Me Walk in Beauty	Christopher Aspaas SATB Divisi	www.morningstarmusic.com AHM-61
Cum Sancto Spiritu	Hyo-won Woo SATB Divisi	Walton Music WW1637
O Schöne Nacht!, Op.92	Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897) SATB	Hal Leonard HL 50316790
We the People	Christopher Aspaas	www.morningstarmusic.com AHM-64
Battle Hymn of the Republic/orchestra	arr. Peter J. Wilhousky	Carl Fischer CM4743

In addition to the published selections, the 2026 Iowa All-State Chorus will prepare a secret piece that will be taught and learned during the All-State Festival in Ames.

This year's program will also feature small groups of four singers per part for the solo sections in "**The Heavens Are Telling.**" Students accepted into the All-State Chorus who are interested in auditioning for one of these small groups should indicate the part they will sing - **Soprano, Tenor, or Bass** - and submit a video recording of the complete assigned excerpts:

Measures 22–38 and 57–95

Recordings should be submitted as a Google Drive or Dropbox link to **twilkins@mvcisd.org** by **Thursday, November 5**. A Google Form may be used for submissions this year.

Selected singers will be notified by **Thursday, November 12**. No additional audition will be required in Ames.

Please contact me with any questions about the 2026 Iowa All-State Chorus.

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