

## Questions and Answers

### **What is the Lincoln Public Schools All City Girls Choir?**

The Lincoln Public Schools All City Girls Choir is a select honor choir for girls who love to sing.

### **Who may participate in the choir?**

Girls in grades 6, 7, and 8, may participate. Girls must be enrolled in some type of music ensemble at their school.

### **May girls from other school districts participate?**

Yes. Girls must live inside the Lincoln city limits.

### **When does the choir rehearse?**

The choir rehearses Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.

### **Where does the choir rehearse?**

The choir rehearses at Lincoln Southeast High School in the choir room.

### **Does the choir perform?**

Yes. The choir gives two concerts per year and participates in a spring tour.

### **What type of music will I learn?**

The choir sings primarily music which would be considered “classical” in nature, including folk music and music theatre.

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The choir will focus on vocal skills needed to be successful in middle school and high school as well as fundamentals of singing in an ensemble.

### **Where does the choir perform?**

The choir performs in various places from school auditoriums to churches. The choir also tours selected elementaries and retirement communities in the spring.

### **When are the auditions?**

Tuesdays: June 2 and October 6  
6:00 PM – LSE Choir Room

### **Does it cost to participate in the choir?**

Yes - \$80.00. The \$80.00 covers the cost of a performance outfit and music. If you are a returning singer, \$25.00 covers the cost of the music.

### **How do the auditions work?**

When you arrive at Lincoln Southeast, you will be greeted by one of the choir staff and asked to complete an audition form. Once this is completed students will be asked to go to the choir room to learn an excerpt of music. A CD of the excerpt will be playing continuously in the choir room. When your student believes she has learned the music well enough, she will go to the audition room to sing for Mr.

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Hansmeyer. The audition is three-part. The first part consists of singing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.” Next, girls will be asked to sight-sing a line of music on the syllable, “la.” This shows us if students can read music or not (you do not necessarily have to do well on this part to make the group). Finally, students will be asked to sing the piece learned in the choir room.

### **Who is the director?**

Wes Hansmeyer teaches 6-12 choral music at Norris School District #160. At Norris, Wes directs four choirs, two show choirs, and two musicals each year. This is Wes’ 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the All City Girls.

### **Who is the accompanist?**

Jana Ghormley accompanies at Lincoln High School and also gives private piano lessons as well as provides worship music at her church. This is Jana’s 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the All City Girls.





Music is exciting. It is thrilling to be sitting in a group of musicians performing the same piece of music. You are part of a great, powerful, vibrant entity. And nothing beats the feeling you get when you have practiced a difficult section over and over and finally get it right. Music is important. It says things your heart can not say any other way, and in a language everyone speaks.

~ Dan Rather, CBS News

Life is a song. Love is the music.

~Author Unknown

## Girls Choir Location

Lincoln Southeast HS Choir Room  
(Use North Athletic Entrance)  
2930 S 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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