

Instructions for Elementary Honors Taped Audition

Welcome to a new year in MTVA! I hope you will find this note helpful in preparing your Elementary Honors audition materials.

Please use the following guidelines when you prepare the audition tape:

- A cassette audio tape must be used.
- Each student will sing the first verse of “America” (“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”) in the key of “G”. The starting pitch should be “G” on the second line of the treble staff.
- Give each student a number that s/he will speak into the tape before s/he sings. The number should correspond to his/her number on the audition application form.
- Play the starting pitch. Do not sing it. The pitch should be audible on the tape. No other help may be given.
- Please screen your auditions before including them. If you know a student could not possibly be accepted, please do not include his/her audition.
- Please leave minimal spacing between auditions. Do not leave long blank spaces on the tape.
- Please make sure the numbering on the tape makes sense with the numbering on the audition application. If you have omitted a student’s audition you may skip his/her number and go on to the next consecutive number.
- Please check your tape and make sure it is audible.
- Please check your tape and make sure it is playing back in the key of “G”. It is a good idea to play it on a different machine from the one on which it was recorded.
- Do not electronically enhance the students’ voices in any way.
- Write on your tape the name of your school and the number of students auditioning. Do not say anything on the tape.

The audition application form should be postmarked no later than **October 19, 2004** to avoid incurring late fees.

- Send the audition form and a check for the audition fee(s) to the MTVA treasurer. Please do not send checks from students or parents.
- The audition fee is \$5.00 per student.
- Send a copy of the audition application form to the Elementary Honors chairperson.

The audition tapes will be judged on **Saturday, November 2, 2004**, at Middle Tennessee Christian School in Murfreesboro. Bring the audition tape and give it to the audition chairperson on the adjudication day. All teachers who submit tapes are required to stay and help with the judging process.

I hope I have given you all the information you need to feel comfortable with the Elementary Honors audition. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 893-0602 (S) or 890-5839 (H) or e-mail at dehoffval@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to a great year!

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