

Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association

21st Annual All Virginia Elementary Chorus – 2026

Saturday, April 25, 2026

J. R. Tucker High School, Henrico County, Virginia

Taylor Walkup-Amos, conductor

Approximately 150 outstanding Virginia singers will experience the joy of making music together. Participants will be selected by their general music teacher. Students will work with a master conductor, learn a varied repertoire of quality choral literature, and increase their knowledge of vocal skills. Each elementary music teacher must be a current member of NAFME/VMEA by December 1, 2025 in order to participate.

Teachers may select students according to the number of students enrolled in the highest grade at their school (limited to grades 4, 5, and 6 students with unchanged voices).

- ♪ Schools with 1-75 students in their highest grade may select up to 4 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 75-125 students in their highest grade may select up to 6 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 125 or more students in their highest grade may select up to 8 participants.

All Virginia Elementary Chorus Staff

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| AVEC Coordinator | Jason Kriner Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools | Email: jason.kriner@wjccschools.org cell: 757-303-7000 |
| AVEC Site Liaison | Kim Upshaw Spotsylvania County Public Schools | |
| AVEC Website & Data Coordinator | Scott Hayes, College of William and Mary jshaye@wm.edu | |

AVEC Conductor: Taylor Walkup-Amos

Taylor Walkup-Amos is the Choristers director of the Virginia Children's Chorus and music teacher at Yorktown Elementary School. Honored as a 2024 CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence, Taylor has been recognized for her creative and innovative approaches in the music classroom that increase accessibility and joy in music making for all students. In addition to her work in general music and choral classrooms, Taylor teaches musicianship courses at the Midwestern State University Kodaly Teacher Institute, provides professional development for music educators, and serves as Chair of the Creativity and Innovation Council for the Virginia Music Educators Association.

Registration Fees:

\$50 for each school participating.

\$40 for each student participating.

Proposed Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Schedule is subject to change at discretion of AVEC staff and guest conductor.

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| 8:30 AM | Students & Teachers arrive and check-in |
| 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Rehearsal |
| 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM | Lunch in shifts (divided by voice parts) |
| 1:15 PM -3:45 PM | Rehearsal |
| 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM | Concert Hall open to public; Students backstage to prepare for concert |
| 4:30 PM | Concert |

VEMEA All Virginia Elementary Chorus Goals

1. To provide elementary school students with:
 - ♪ An exciting, quality choral experience with other students from Virginia
 - ♪ An opportunity to share vocal artistry and grow as musicians
 - ♪ An opportunity to work with a guest clinician
 - ♪ An opportunity to sing quality children's choral repertoire
2. To provide an opportunity for elementary music educators to set a higher standard of vocal excellence in Virginia's schools.

Additional Information

- The concert uniform will be black pants/skirts and the All-Virginia Elementary Chorus t-shirt, which will be distributed on the day of the concert. A detailed uniform policy will be e-mailed to registered teachers.
- The concert will be professionally reordered, and DVD's will be available for order.
- The music teacher must be present at all times during the rehearsal and concert.
- Teachers are requested to follow their school division policy for field trips regarding permission slips, emergency contact data and medication.
- Each individual family will be responsible for providing the necessary lodging near the concert venue. A list of nearby hotels will be e-mailed to teachers and will be available on the VEMEA website by February. VEMEA is not responsible for reserving hotel rooms for teachers and/or families.
- Each school will receive music packets in January. The music will be shipped directly to your school from The Musical Source. Each student and the music teacher will receive a packet of music. The cost of the music is included in the registration fee.
- VEMEA will provide a website with practice resources for concert music. The link to the website will be e-mailed to registered teachers in January.
- In addition to the registered teacher, schools may elect to have ONE approved chaperone. Approved chaperones may include, but not limited to: itinerant music teachers, a student teacher assigned to the school, a spouse/significant other of the registered teacher, a school administrator, a teacher colleague from the school, a parent helper, or music teachers who wish to observe/volunteer but do not have students participating.
- Rehearsals are closed to all other people who have not been added to the list of the approved chaperones by the AVEC coordinator. Approved chaperones who would like to have a music packet, lunch, or t-shirt must pay an additional fee.
- All adults (AVEC staff, teachers, approved chaperones) must wear a name tag (will be provided) during the AVEC event. This is to ensure that all adults are approved, to ensure the safety of our students, and so all students and adults can identify the teachers and/or approved chaperones.
- If your school requires a W-9 to process the payment, please contact Jason Kriner.

We look forward to working with you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the AVEC coordinator, Jason Kriner. jason.kriner@wjccschools.org or 757-303-7000

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J.R. Tucker High School

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Henrico, VA 23294

ON-LINE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Participation will be limited to the first 150 students. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we have reached our limit of 150 students, registration will close. A school's registration is not completed until the payment has been received.

Music teachers will submit a completed registration using the on-line registration form on the VEMEA website. Once the on-line registration form is completed, the music teacher will receive an invoice in his/her e-mail. The music teacher will print the invoice and submit it to the school administration. The school will pay the registration fee using a school check. Mail the invoice and payment to Jason Kriner (info below).

The registration fee is \$40.00 for each participating student AND a \$50.00 fee for each participating school. Please submit only **ONE** check per school, made payable to VEMEA. Purchase orders cannot be accepted. Credit card payments cannot be accepted.

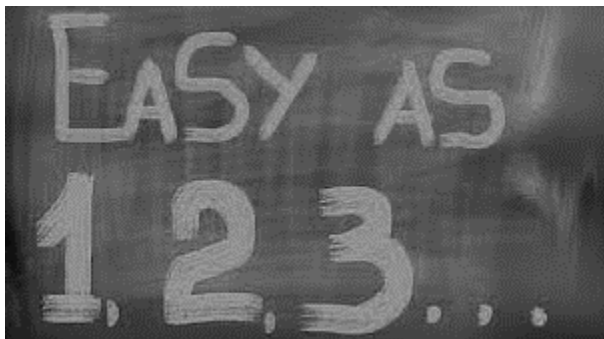
The registration fee includes the cost of instruction during the rehearsal, participation in the concert, sheet music, lunch, certificate, name tag, and t-shirt. The registration fee also includes event overhead expenses such as auditorium rental, guest conductor/accompanist fees, printing and mailing costs, etc. Lunch for participating students and teachers will be provided on the day of the concert. All participating students and teachers will receive a t-shirt the day of the concert, which will be worn during the concert. Music packets will be mailed directly to each school from The Musical Source in January.

The on-line registration will be available from October 15, 2025 until December 15, 2025 (or until we have reached a maximum registration of 150 students with confirmation of payment). Payments should be postmarked by Monday, December 15, 2025. Checks should be made payable to **VEMEA. Mail your payment and the invoice (you will receive a PDF in e-mail after you complete the on-line registration) to: Jason Kriner (All-Virginia Elementary Chorus Coordinator) 145 Milstead Road, Newport News VA 23606**

When payment has been received, the music teacher will get a confirmation e-mail from Jason Kriner (jason.kriner@wjccschools.org). If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail in a timely manner, please contact Jason Kriner to make sure the check was not misplaced in the mail.

In February 2026, music teachers will be required to complete an on-line student registration form. This is the time when you will provide the names of your students and more details about your students (their full name, height, t-shirt size, lunch choice, etc.). Directions for on-line student registration will be e-mailed to your e-mail address when the on-line form is available. You **DO NOT** need to select your students until after your registration form and payment have been confirmed.

Additional adults (see list under “Other Information” on page 2) who will be attending AVEC may choose “add-on” items that they would like to have instead of paying the full registration fee. Fees for additional items are: music packet (\$15), t-shirt (\$15), lunch (\$10).



1 Go to the VEMEA website www.vemea.org

- ✓ Click on the AVEC Log In link on the top right-hand corner. A pop-up box will appear.
- ✓ If you are new teacher to AVEC (you have never brought students to AVEC before), choose the option of “Sign Up as a New Teacher” at the bottom.
- ✓ If you are a returning teacher to AVEC (you have brought students to AVEC in previous years), log in with your username (e-mail address) and password. If you do not remember your username and password, choose the option of “Recover password” at the bottom and you will receive an e-mail.

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- ✓ Complete the registration form. There are two parts to this form: (1) the contact information for the teacher and school, (2) the registration fee section.
- ✓ New teachers will need to fill in all contact information fields. Please fill in the fields exactly the way you expect to see them in printed materials (name tags, certificates, concert program). Do not use nick names or abbreviations.
- ✓ Returning teachers will need to confirm all information from previous years. If you need to make changes, click on the pencil icon beside your own name (for your personal information) or the pencil icon beside your school name (for your school information).
- ✓ Returning teachers: Once you have completed/confirmed all information, click on the “Register as a returning school” beside your school name. This will take you to the “Fees for AVEC” page.
- ✓ New teachers: When you finish the “Register as a new teacher for AVEC” page, click on the “Save Changes” button. This will take you to the “Fees for AVEC” page.
- ✓ New & Returning: On the “Fees for AVEC” page use the drop-down menus to make your selections. Click on the “Review and Confirm Fees” button. The next page will show you the total amount of fees due to VEMEA. Choose “Confirm and Continue” if everything is correct or “Go Back” if you need to make changes.
- ✓ The next page is your invoice. A PDF copy of the invoice will also be e-mailed to you. Print the invoice from the website or the PDF in your e-mail. This is what you will submit to your school secretary in order to process the payment of fees.

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- ✓ Mail the printed invoice and the payment to the AVEC coordinator.
- ✓ Checks **MUST** be made payable to VEMEA.
- ✓ All registration fees must be paid by (postmarked date of) Monday, December 15, 2025.

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