



ACADEMY OF MUSIC  
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

## Girl Choir Audition FAQs

### Where are auditions located?

Auditions take place in the Lawrence University Conservatory Music Drama Building. Parking is available on Washington and Park streets behind the Conservatory. Please enter via the right-hand glass doors at the top of the Washington Street steps.

### Are schedule changes possible?

Once your audition is scheduled, **no changes** will be allowed. Please refer to your calendar when selecting an audition time preference. Thank you for your understanding.

### Who listens to the auditions?

Three Girl Choir teachers sit in on every audition. These include the teacher of the choir the girl is auditioning for, the teacher of the choir in which the girl sang (returning singers only) during the current academic year, and a third teacher who runs the audition. Girl Choir teachers make sure that each girl is treated fairly and warmly.

### Are parents allowed to watch or listen to the audition?

We have found that girls are more natural and less nervous without their parent(s) in the room. Parents are welcome to wait in the hallway outside the audition room. Parents are respectfully asked not to look in the window or listen at the door.

### What are the audition requirements?

Audition requirements are located on the Girl Choir audition webpage: [go.lawrence.edu/academy-GCauditions](http://go.lawrence.edu/academy-GCauditions)

### Should my daughter dress up for her audition?

Girls should dress comfortably. It is not necessary to dress up for the audition.

### Do singers audition individually?

Girls auditioning for Primo or Allegretto sing in groups of three. Girls auditioning for Capriccio or Arioso sing in pairs. Girls auditioning for Cantabile or Bel Canto audition individually. Girls in small groups sing together as a group and take turns singing individually.

### How will we be notified of audition results?

Each girl who auditions will receive a letter in the US Mail no later than mid-May. No letters are mailed until all Girl Choir auditions are completed.

### If my daughter is accepted, what do we do next?

You will receive registration information with your acceptance letter. A \$50 deposit (applied to next year's tuition – this is not an extra charge) must be received at the Academy of Music no later than June 15. If you require tuition assistance, scholarship paperwork is also due no later than June 15 (contact 920-993-6278 for details).

**What if my daughter is not accepted?**

If a girl who is entering grades 3, 4, or 5 is not accepted into Primo or Allegretto, she is offered a spot in Ragazze. Sometimes a girl is offered a spot in the choir in which she sang the prior year. (Each choir is designed to be a place where girls can spend multiple years.) We will always place a singer where her voice will fit best and where she will be with her age group. Please remember that vocal development, just as learning to walk, talk, or read, takes place at different paces for different children. Very rarely, a singer will be asked to sing with her school choir for a year and then re-audition the following spring.

**Should I enroll my daughter in voice lessons?**

Private voice instruction is not recommended until singers are in high school. The best training for young singers is to develop her gentle singing voice by singing in a choir – a Girl Choir, her school choir, or her church choir – and to sing at home. The “We Sing” series of recordings has a variety of folk songs that are pitched appropriately for young voices. Be advised that permanent vocal damage can occur if a teacher is not familiar with pre-voice-change female singers, particularly in musical theatre or popular music settings.