



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 5 RSS students selected to All-State Choir

Five Ross S. Sterling choir students will perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio as part of the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.

Senior Chad Leiper (Tenor 1) and Senior Dirk Kogut (Tenor 2) were named to the All-State Mixed Choir and Senior Sarah Bailey (Alto 2), Junior Elizabeth Taleno (Soprano 2), and Freshman Erika Erwin were named to the All-State Women's chorus.

These students were chosen for this honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region and Area levels. They are all members of the Varsity Sterling Meistersingers under the direction of Nikki Thompson and Sarah Cole who are members of the Texas Music Educators Association, a 10,000+ member organization headquartered in Austin.

Chad is a third-year All-State selection, and Dirk, Sarah, Elizabeth and Erika have made it for the first time this year.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State Concerts have competed through several levels of auditions beginning in the fall of 2009 to arrive at the state level.

All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. Over 1,500 students are selected through a process that began with over 55,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 13 ensembles (bands, orchestras and choirs). Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition.

This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 28 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in seven TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.



The Sterling Choir performed at the second general session at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Midwinter Conference and Education Expo in Austin, Texas on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013 to over a thousand people. [Photo Gallery](#)

These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close.

For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, go to [www.tmea.org/convention](http://www.tmea.org/convention).

The Texas Music Educators Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. Go to [www.tmea.org/convention](http://www.tmea.org/convention) for more information.

These students also performed with the rest of the Sterling Choir at the second general session at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Midwinter Conference and Education Expo in Austin, Texas on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013 to over a thousand educators.

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