GHS students to compete in music festival

Grinnell High School will have six quartets competing in the annual All-State Music Festival Auditions on Oct. 27.

The Grinnell students will be competing with 900 quartets from the state of Iowa in six audition centers around the state. GHS students will be competing in Washington, Ia.

Those students entering competition are sopranos: Susan Reedy, Debbie Reaves, Sarah Helmke, Sharon Grosenbach, Julie Brammer, and Andrea Breemer; altos: Shannon Sears, Cindy Reitz, Gayle Walker, Heidi Halden, Kathy Smith, and Vivian McGuire; tenors: Rich Thorson, Gary Deppe, Stanley Reitz, Paul Dimit, Larry Bush, and Tom Moberg; basses: Jeff Bush, Mike Corbin, Ed McGuire, Austin Jones, Marty Duffus, and Lee Shannon.

Twenty-three students on a voice part will be selected at the Southeast Iowa District Center to perform with the All-State Chorus at the annual Music Festival in Des Moines and Ames. The final concert, with 600 select voices from the state, will be at 8 p.m. at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames Nov. 17.

Jeanette Tisdale, elementary music teacher in Grinnell, will be the accompanist for the six quartets.

GHS has the greatest number of entries ever in the 35-year history of the Iowa All-State Music Festival with a total of 3,600 selected singers auditioning, states Marvin Kelley, the choral chairman for the state.

Tickets for the November concert will go on sale at Hilton Coliseum after Oct. 27.