

Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

All-State Bands and Orchestras

Dear MSBOA Director Members,

MSBOA is pleased to announce the 14th year of the MSBOA All-State Bands and Orchestras. This event is held in conjunction with the Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids in January. It brings together outstanding Band and Orchestra students in grades 7-12 from across the state of Michigan. Our thanks go out to our many members who put so much time and effort into making this event a reality.

Registration and Auditions

All registrations for the All-State Ensemble Auditions must be made using the on-line process at www.opusevent.com. The invoices printed from those registrations must be postmarked no later than OCTOBER 1st. When the invoices are received, they will be processed and an audition schedule will be made. Audition sites and times will be assigned according to the information provided. With the large number of auditions, time request will be honored where possible. The audition requirements for the different ensembles have been posted on the website. Student Auditions will be on October 27 & 28. (District 10 will hold auditions Oct. 25 & 27. District 14 will hold auditions as follows: Oct. 25-Escanaba, Marquette & Bothwell MS, District 16 Oct. 24 & 25.) Directors must fulfill a work assignment as a part of the process of hosting and recording the auditions across the state. One week later, a single panel of adjudicators for each instrument will listen to the recordings from all of the locations. (There will be one panel listening to flutes, another listening to violins, etc.) These adjudicators will then relay the selected students to the MSBOA Office in Okemos where it will be posted on the MSBOA website. More detailed information concerning housing and schedules will then be emailed to the MSBOA Membership.

The All-State Weekend

Students will rehearse Thursday starting in the late morning, all day Friday, and Saturday morning, January 24-26, 2019. The concert will be presented Saturday Jan. 26. All rehearsals and the performance will be in the DeVos Performance Hall as a part of the Michigan Music Conference (MMC) and will be open to registered convention attendees. In addition, the students selected for this honor will have access to the conference including exhibits and concerts. **Housing arrangements and expenses will be up to the directors and families of the selected students.**

Please make copies of the appropriate enclosed Student Letter, provided in this mailing, so that students from each level will have information. Best of luck to all of the students and directors as they prepare the audition for this exciting offering from MSBOA!

Sincerely,

Joel Shaner
Past President and All-State Chair

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- **ALL-STATE BAND – Grades 7 & 8**
- **ALL-STATE STRING ORCHESTRA - Grades 7 & 8**

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Band and Orchestra Students of MSBOA Member Schools,

7th and 8th grade band and orchestra students from all of Michigan are invited to audition for the Michigan All-State Band or All-State String Orchestra. January 24 – 26, 2019 will be the 14th Michigan Music Conference (MMC) representing all of music education, and as part of the conference, there will be two middle school All-State ensembles. There will also be a high school band and full orchestra, however this notice is specifically for the 7th and 8th grade.

As a 7th or 8th grade band or orchestra student, you are invited to audition for this honor. If selected from your audition, you will join hundreds of other top instrumentalists from all across the state of Michigan in Grand Rapids for this three-day event.

Your questions might be:

- How do I become part of this?
 - Students will audition to determine the top students at your age from all of Michigan.
- When are the auditions?
 - The dates for auditions are Saturday, October 27 & Sunday October 28. (Dist. 10, 14 & 16 have other dates, please see your Director)
- Where are the auditions?
 - There will be a site close to your school. Sites will be announced to your director.
- What music do I play for the audition?
 - Students will play an etude, which your director will have for you. You will also be asked to play a few scales. Your director will also have the scales you will play. **There will also be a sight reading portion.**
- Is there a fee for participation?
 - There is a fee of \$15 to audition. i.e. someone auditioning on piccolo and Flute must pay \$30.00.
 - If selected, the fee is \$60.00
 - Other expenses such as housing, transportation and meals will be the students/parents responsibility.
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?
 - The postmark deadline for your All-State Application is October 1st. If you are interested in auditioning, please let your Director know before this date.

We look forward to your participation in this Michigan All-State Event.

Best wishes,

MSBOA

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- ALL-STATE BAND - Grades 9-12
- ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA - Grades 9-12
- ALL-STATE JAZZ ENSEMBLE - Grades 9-12
- Michigan Youth Arts Festival – MYAF – Grades 10-12

Dear 9th – 12th Grade Band and Orchestra Students of MSBOA Member Schools,

High school band and orchestra students in grades 9-12 are invited to audition for the Michigan All-State Band, Jazz Ensemble or All-State Orchestra. January 24 – 26, 2019 will be the 14th Michigan Music Conference (MMC) representing all of music education, and as part of the conference, there will be three high school All-State ensembles. There will also be two All-State groups for middle school students, however this notice is specifically for 9th thru 12th grade students. If selected from your audition, you will join hundreds of other top instrumentalists from all across the state of Michigan in Grand Rapids for this three-day event.

NOTE: We will continue to have the Honors Band, Honors Orchestra and Honors Jazz, as part of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May. The selection process for the MYAF will continue to be as in the past, that of your State Solo and Ensemble Proficiency Score. ONLY students in the 10th – 12th grades qualify for the MYAF.

The All-State and MYAF are two separate opportunities, and have different criteria for acceptance. Students being accepted in All State have no guarantee for membership in the MYAF.

All-State (January) F A Q:

- How do I become part of the All-State Band, Jazz Ensemble or Orchestra?
 - Students will audition to determine the top students at your age from all of Michigan.
- When are the auditions?
 - The dates for auditions are Saturday October 27 & Sunday October 28. (Dist. 10, 14 & 16 have other dates, please see your Director)
- Where are the auditions?
 - There will be a site close to your school. Sites will be announced to your director.
- What music do I play for the audition?
 - Students will play an etude, which your director will have for you. You will also be asked to play a few scales. Your director will also have the scales you will play. **There will also be a sight reading portion.**
- Is there a fee for participation?
 - There is a fee of \$15 to audition. . i.e. someone auditioning on piccolo and Flute must pay \$30.00.
 - If selected, the fee is \$60.00
 - Other expenses such as housing, transportation and meals will be the students/parents responsibility.
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?
 - The postmark deadline for your All-State Application is October 1st. If you are interested in auditioning, please let your Director know before this date.

MYAF (May) Information:

- Selection process remains the same – the results of the Proficiency Score from the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held on March 16. Directors have MYAF answers, as this program is not new.

We look forward to your participation in this Michigan All-State Event, and to continuing with the MYAF as well.

Best wishes,
MSBOA

2018 – 2019 MSBOA All-State Student Audition Worksheet

Directors: Registration for All-State Auditions is done on-line. You will need to enter the following information for each audition. We suggest that you copy and give this form to your students to complete so that you can enter the needed information.

Student's First Name: _____ Student's Last Name: _____

Student's Grade Level (circle): 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student's Home Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State MI ZIP _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Telephone Number: _____

Student's Instrument: _____

Student Preferred Audition Site: _____

Student Preferred Audition Date: _____

Student Preferred Audition Time (Honored if possible) (circle one):

Early

Middle

Late

High School Winds and Percussion Only:

Preferred Ensemble - Honored if possible: (circle one):

HS Band

HS Orchestra