Illinois Music Education Association
District 7 Senior Festival
New Trier Township High School - Winnetka Campus
November 7, 2026

Location

New Trier Township High School - Winnetka Campus
385 Winnetka Avenue
Winnetka, IL 60093

Parking

Students should be dropped off at the glass entrance (Door #N16) on Trevian Way, located on the north side of the building. All vehicles will enter the campus on Winnetka Avenue, then turn onto Essex Road (one-way street), and turn left onto Trevian Way to the large glass entrance.
After dropping off students, yellow school buses should proceed to the Northfield Campus (7 Happ Road, Northfield) for parking. Parking at New Trier's Winnetka Campus is limited and buses CANNOT remain on site. Small activity buses may park at the Winnetka Campus in the East Lot off of Essex Road.

Registration

Upon arrival, Directors are to:

1. Please enter through the Trevian Way glass entrance (Door #N16), proceed down the main hallway, and check in at the Director's registration table in front of McGee Theatre. You will receive name tags and lunch tickets, and sign in at this time.
2. Escort students to the case/coat storage areas. They are located in the following areas:
    a. Band - Band Room (W118)
    b. Choir - Small Choir Room (W204)
    c. Treble Choir - Small Choir Room (W204)
    d. Orchestra - Band Room (W118)
3. Escort students to the rehearsal areas. Report any absentees to the Division Representative upon arrival in the rehearsal area. Choir students should proceed to the rooms below for sectionals:
    a. Soprano I - W401
    b. Soprano II - Chamber Room W201
    c. Alto I - McGee Theatre
    d. Alto II - Jazz Room W110
    e. Tenor I - W320
    f. Tenor II - W321
    g. Bass I - W323
    h. Bass II - W324
4. If the Director is unable to remain for the entire festival, another Director from your school must be designated to supervise and accept responsibility for the student(s) from your school - report this at registration at the beginning of the day.

Security

Please remind your students to keep money and other valuables in their possession (NOT WITH THEIR CASES/COATS). We do not anticipate security issues, but we cannot be responsible for any lost/stolen items.

Wi-fi Connection

Students: The login at new Trier High School is not password protected. Please join the "NTHS_Guest" network if WIFI access is needed.

Participation/Payment of Fees

Only students who are listed on the official Billing List of Selectees may participate in the Festival. Only the Division Representative may make substitutions. Please notify your Division Representative in advance if you know of any students that cannot attend. NO STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ALL-STATE FESTIVAL WHO HAS NOT REHEARSED AND PERFORMED FOR THE ENTIRE DAY AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

Concert Tickets

Concert tickets can be purchased in advance through GoFan for $6 ($5 + $1 processing fee), or in cash at the Gaffney Auditorium Entrance Table for $5 beginning at 2:30pm. Children under 12 will be admitted for free. Tickets purchased in advance through GoFan may be purchased here: https://gofan.co/event/6992607?schoolId=IL87469

Equipment

To avoid the loss of equipment, please label everything with your school and/or student's name.

Choir Members

- All choir members must have sharpened pencils, music, folders, and choir robes on hangers. Only water is allowed in the rehearsal space. No other food or drink is allowed.

String Players

- Bring your own instruments, bows, mutes, string bass stools, etc.
- Bring rock-stops/rubber tips for end pins.
- ***Bring folding music stands***, pencils, music, and concert attire. Only water is allowed in the rehearsal space. No other food or drink is allowed.

Wind Players

- Bring your own instruments, mutes, etc.
- ***Bring folding music stands***, pencils, music, and concert attire. Only water is allowed in the rehearsal space. No other food or drink is allowed.

Percussionists

- Equipment furnished for band and orchestra will include: four timpani, bass drum, gong, and mallet percussion as required by the repertoire.
- ***Bring sticks, mallets, traps, snare drums/stands as required by your part assignment.***
- Bring pencils, music, and concert attire. Only water is allowed in the rehearsal space. No other food or drink is allowed.
- Percussionists are responsible for their own (or their school's) equipment.

Music

Band and orchestra students have been issued music. They must bring that music to the Festival and recycle all music as they exit the stage. Choir students are to bring their own music and take it back to their schools at the conclusion of the Festival.

Students are expected to prepare all music prior to their arrival at the Festival. It is the responsibility of the Directors at participating schools to prepare their students for the Festival experience.

Concert Attire

- Choir — Choir robe
- Band/Orchestra — White shirt/blouse with tie
  Black pants/skirt
  Black coat/tuxedo ensemble is *optional*
  Long black dresses are *optional*
  Other all black dress clothes are *optional*
  Black dress shoes (please, no gym shoes)

Food

Director's Breakfast

There will be a light director's breakfast available in the Trevian Commons before the district general meeting.

Lunch

Lunch for both students and directors will be available. There are four different meal options to choose from and will be catered by the school dining service, Quest. The cost is $15.00 per meal. These lunches MUST be pre-ordered by October 26th and WILL NOT be available to purchase the day of the festival. Please use **this link** to reserve lunches for you and your students by the deadline.

You may pay in advance using this link:
https://newtrier.revtrak.net/performing-arts/performing-arts-apparel-and-supplies/#/v/ilmea-district-7-festival-lunch
OR please bring cash or check payable to New Trier and you can pick up your lunch tickets on Nov. 7 at the director's check-in when you arrive. **Orders must be received by October 26th**. All lunches must be paid for by Nov. 7 either in advance on RevTrack or via cash or check the morning of the festival.

ILMEA District 7 Senior Festival Teacher Schedule

Saturday, November 7, 2026
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7:30-7:50 Director check-in and seating of all groups in rehearsal areas.

8:00 **Rehearsals Begin**

Band	Gaffney Auditorium Stage
Percussion Sectional	W118 Band Room
Orchestra	W120 Orchestra Room
Senior Treble Chorus	W215 Choral Room
Senior Festival Chorus	Sectionals

Choir Sectionals
Soprano I - W401
Soprano II - Chamber Room W201
Alto I - McGee Theatre
Alto II - Jazz Room W110
Tenor I - W320
Tenor II - W321
Bass I - W323
Bass II - W324

Divisional Meetings are an important part of our working process in the District. Your presence and input are important! Bring suggestions for music for next year's groups (scores if you have them) and recommendations for prospective conductors (and addresses and phone numbers). Another important priority is to nominate and elect leadership for the divisions and the district and to find new sites for the Festival. ***Only current members (dues paid within the past 365 days) of the Illinois Music Education Association may vote on any District business.***

9:15 **General Meeting - All Divisions, Trevian Commons (First Floor)**

9:45 **ILMEA District 7 Division Meetings**

Band Division Meeting - Trevian Commons (First Floor)
Choir Division Meeting - Student Lounge (Lower Level by vending machines)
Orchestra Division Meeting - Staff Dining Room (First Floor)

11:00-1:00 Lunch available in the Staff Dining Room

3:00 **Concert - Gaffney Auditorium**
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12 will be admitted for free. Tickets purchased in advance through GoFan may be purchased here: https://gofan.co/event/6992607?schoolId=IL87469

Concert order for 2026:
Orchestra
Choir
Treble
Band

Supervision:

Teachers are responsible for the conduct and attendance of their students during the Festival. Upon arrival, accompany your students to their assigned rehearsal areas, make sure they get checked in and then check in at the Directors' registration table. All participating Directors must check in at the registration table. If, for some reason, the Director is unable to remain for the day, another Director or certified staff member from your school district must be designated to supervise and accept responsibility for the student(s) from your school. Report this at the registration table at the beginning of the day.

ILMEA District 7 Senior Festival Student Schedule

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SENIOR BAND:
Please leave coats and cases in Band Room W118

8:00-10:20	Rehearse in Gaffney Auditorium (Percussion sectional 8:15-9:15 in Band Room W118)
10:30-11:15	Lunch in Cafeteria
11:30-2:45	Rehearse in Orchestra Room W120
3:00	CONCERT

SENIOR CHORUS:
Please leave coats and choir robes in Small Choir Room W204

8:00-9:00	Choir Sectionals *Soprano I - W401* *Soprano II - Chamber Room W201* *Alto I - McGee Theatre* *Alto II - Jazz Room W110* *Tenor I - W320* *Tenor II - W321* *Bass I - W323* *Bass II - W324*
9:15-10:15	Rehearse in McGee Theatre
10:30-11:15	Rehearse in Gaffney Auditorium
11:30-12:15	Lunch in Cafeteria
12:30-2:45	Rehearse in McGee Theatre
3:00	CONCERT

SENIOR TREBLE CHORUS:
Please leave coats and choir robes in Small Choir Room W204

8:00-10:00	Rehearse in W215
10:30-11:15	Choir Sectionals *Soprano I - W401* *Soprano II - Chamber Room W201* *Alto I - McGee Theatre* *Alto II - Jazz Room W110*
11:15-12:15	Rehearse in Gaffney Auditorium
12:30-1:15	Lunch in Cafeteria
1:30-2:45	Rehearse in W215
3:00	CONCERT

SENIOR ORCHESTRA:
Please leave cases and coats in Band Room W118

8:00-11:15	Rehearse in Orchestra Room W120
9:15-10:00	Percussion Sectional in Band Room W118, Strings and Winds in Orchestra Room
11:15-12:00	Lunch in Cafeteria
12:15-2:45	Rehearse in Gaffney Auditorium
3:00	CONCERT

Directors: Please note that all times are approximate. However, we must adhere to the schedule as closely as possible. Please encourage your students to be on time at all times. Breaks will be scheduled by Division Representatives.

All apparel, plaques, and recognitions can be purchased through Allegro by clicking the link below:

