



WELCOME!

We are excited for you to join us for the 2025 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project. This mailing includes your music, next steps needed and information about your stay with us in October. Please be sure to read through everything. We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding musical experience with each of you!

What's included in this packet:

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NEXT STEPS

- Submit the [Health & Housing Form](https://WSMA.formstack.com/forms/mlh_health) available at https://WSMA.formstack.com/forms/mlh_health
 - Must be submitted by Friday, August 29 at 11:59 p.m.
 - See below for information regarding housing options.

LODGING, TRANSPORTATION & MEALS

All rehearsals and concerts will take place at [Verona Area High School](#) (234 Wildcat Way, Verona, WI, 53593).

WSMA handles all hotel arrangements and transportation **for students**. Students are assigned to a hotel room with students from their school and/or within their section. The overnight stay is an excellent opportunity to form new friendships and make lasting memories. WSMA does not accept roommate requests.

- Students will receive their housing assignments at a later date. Students will stay at one of the following hotels:
 - [Comfort Suites West](#)
1253 John Q Hammonds
Madison, WI 53717
 - [Baymont Inn & Suites](#)
8102 Excelsior Dr
Madison, WI 53717
- Room Options
 - Standard - 4 students per room (included in tuition)
 - Double - 2 students per room (additional \$50, paid when submitting the Health & Housing Form)
- Meals are provided for all students during the Honors Project, including: Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch.
 - Accommodations can be made for most special dietary needs; including but not limited to Gluten Free, Nut Allergies, Dairy Allergies, Vegetarian and Vegan. Please be sure to indicate these on the Health Form.

REGISTRATION

Friday, October 31, 2025 – [Verona Area High School](#) (234 Wildcat Way, Verona, WI, 53593)

Please note: Due to security protocols, parents/guardians will not be allowed in the building during registration. More information regarding a drop-off location at Verona Area High School will be shared closer to the event.

- Registration – 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 - If your student is ordering an individual picture, please arrive closer to 12:00 p.m.
- Orientation Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
- A tentative event schedule for Saturday is enclosed.

CONCERT INFORMATION & TICKETS

Saturday, November 1, 2025 – [Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center](#)

- 3:00pm – Band Concert
- 4:00pm – Orchestra Concert
- 5:00pm – Choir Concert

Tickets may be [ordered online](#) beginning in September or at the ticket office on the day of the concert.

Tickets are \$15.00 if purchased online prior to October 31 or \$18.00 if purchased at the door. A purchased ticket can be used to attend any or all of the three concerts that afternoon.

Please note: Concert tickets for parents and guests are NOT included in the cost of tuition.

PRACTICE YOUR MUSIC

All instrumental parts are assigned based on audition evaluator comments from the anonymous audition forms. If you have been in an Honors ensemble before (bravo to you!), you may not be assigned the same part you had the year before. This just means that you have been placed to specifically enhance the balance and technical ability needed to perform this year's music at the highest level possible.

Middle Level State Honors selection and participation is a privilege based on your talent and hard work. In order to make the concert the best musical experience possible, everyone MUST give their best effort and be completely prepared. Practice, PRACTICE, **PRACTICE!**

Your conductor has provided a welcome letter and practice notes that include links to music recordings, please read them carefully! WSMA will contact your school music teacher to ask them to help you study, rehearse and thoroughly learn all the music to the best of your ability.

WHAT TO BRING

- **Personal Items:** Deodorant, tooth brush, water bottle and all necessary articles and clothing for personal care and hygiene. The hotel provides soap, towels and linens. (Please note: If you are staying in a room with 3 other people and do not want to share a bed, you may want to bring a sleeping bag for the floor.)
- **Clothing**
 - Casual dress for Friday rehearsals (i.e. blue jeans, khaki pants, shorts, etc. and comfortable shoes.) *Honors T-shirts will be given to all students at registration and must be worn on Friday.*
 - Saturday Concert Attire
 - White shirt with sleeves
 - Black dress pants or skirt (knee length or longer)
 - Black socks (if needed)
 - Black dress shoes
 - Optional - dark tie

- **Rehearsal Items** – *All instruments should be in excellent working condition.*
 - o Choir – Water bottle with a secure closing lid, your music and 2 pencils.
 - o Brass – Instrument and mouthpiece, mutes, valve/slide oil, your music, a folding music stand and 2 pencils.
 - o Woodwinds – Instrument and mouthpiece, reeds, cork grease, your music, a folding music stand and 2 pencils
 - o Percussion – Assorted sticks and mallets, your music and 2 pencils.
 - o Strings – Instrument and bow, 1 set of strings, rosin, mute(s), your music, a folding music stand and 2 pencils
- **Photo Order Form:** If you would like to order a photo of your WSMA Middle Level State Honors Ensemble and/or an individual portrait, please complete the enclosed order form and bring it with you to registration. Checks should be made payable to: **The Snapshot.**
- **Optional - Snacks:** Dinner will be provided at approx. 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, and lights out is at 10:30 p.m. The vending machines at the hotel can be expensive, and food delivery is not permitted.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **Electronic Devices:** There is little downtime outside of rehearsal, so electronic devices, such as iPads, tablets, gaming consoles, etc... will not be necessary. Students may bring a cell phone, but will be asked not to use it during rehearsals.
- **Cash in large amounts:** Vending machines for snacks may be available at the school and hotel, but that would be the only need for money at any time. (Consider packing a snack for the hotel instead.) Students are NOT permitted to order delivery on Friday evening while at the hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT - 608-850-1014

Students spend the majority of their time in rehearsals and are asked not to use their phones during rehearsals. If you need to reach your child for an emergency, please call WSMA at 608-850-1014.

**WSMA Middle Level State Honors Project
Tentative Event Schedule**

All times subject to change. A final schedule will be released closer to the event.

Friday, October 31

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Student Registration Verona Area High School 234 Wildcat Way, Verona, WI, 53593 Individual portraits (if ordered) will also be taken during this time. Please plan to arrive closer to 12:00 PM if ordering.
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Student Orientation Meeting Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center
1:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Group Rehearsals and Sectionals
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner - <i>Accommodations are available for students with special dietary needs. Be sure to indicate any special dietary needs when submitting the online health form.</i> Individual portraits (if ordered) will be finished during this time.
7:00 PM - Rehearsal End (Varies by Ensemble)	Group Rehearsals and Sectionals
8:45 PM - 9:30 PM	Students arrive at hotel
10:30 PM	Room check and lights out

Saturday, November 1

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Morning wake-up call and room check out Students dress for concert, pack, clean room and bring all luggage/belongings to breakfast at Verona Area High School Travel via bus to Verona Area High School
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast at Verona Area High School
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sectionals and group rehearsals
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Group rehearsals
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	WSMA Middle Level State Honors Concerts Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center 234 Wildcat Way, Verona, WI, 53593 3:00 PM – Band Concert 4:00 PM – Orchestra Concert 5:00 PM – Choir Concert

Emergency Contact during 2-day event: Alec Balge, WSMA Program Manager - 608-850-1014