

MICHIGAN SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION

-- HIGH SCHOOL --

- ALL-STATE BAND - Grades 9-12
- ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA - Grades 9-12
- ALL-STATE JAZZ ENSEMBLE - Grades 9-12

Dear 9th-12th Grade Band & 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 Full Orchestra. The three high school All-State ensembles will be representing music education as part of the 21st Annual Michigan Music Conference (MMC) held on January 22-24, 2026. There will also be two All-State groups for middle school students, however this notice is specifically for 9th through 12th grade students. If selected from your audition, you will join hundreds of other top instrumentalists from across the state of Michigan in Grand Rapids for this three-day event.

Your questions might be:

- How do I become part of the All-State Band, Jazz Ensemble or Orchestra?
 - *Students will audition to determine the top students at your grade level from all of Michigan.*
- When are the auditions?
 - Audition dates are **Saturday, October 18 or Sunday, October 19, 2025** at Saline HS or Walled Lake Northern HS (your choice)
 - [Link to All-State 2025-2026 Timeline](#)
- Where are the auditions?
 - **Saline HS or Walled Lake Northern HS (your choice)**
- What music do I play for the audition?
 - Two etudes &/or excerpts (FOUND HERE: [All-State Audition Requirements 2026](#))
 - A few scales –(same link as above)
 - A sight reading portion
- Is there a fee for participation?
 - There is a **\$15** fee per audition. You can be sent a link to pay by credit card, or you can pay by cash, or check made out to Northville Public Schools
 - If selected, the fee is **\$80.00** **(More information on p. 2, below)**
 - Housing, transportation and meals will be the students/parents/guardians responsibility.
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?

- *If interested in auditioning, please fill out the digital [ALL-STATE 25-26 Registration Form](#) no later than **September 22, 2025**. If paying by credit card link, no further action is required. If paying by cash or check (made out to NHS Orchestra): VERY IMPORTANT: Label envelope with name, and "ORCHESTRA All-State Audition" and put in white mailbox in the band room. We will have a number of payments coming in for different things, and need this information.*

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

Best wishes,

MSBOA

The All-State Weekend

Students will rehearse Thursday starting in the late morning, all day Friday, and Saturday morning, January 22-24, 2026. **Students must attend ALL rehearsals on the rehearsal weekend in order to participate in the Concert.** The concert will be presented Saturday January 24, 2026. 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.**

Note: If there is a financial challenge, please contact me right away, and we will see if there are other sources of funding available. We want all students who earn a spot based on their audition to be able to participate.