

All-State Modern Bands/Popular Music Ensembles

- [NAfME All-National Honor Ensemble for Modern Band](#):
 - For the past 4 years, NAfME has sponsored an All-National Honor Modern Band
- [NAfME Eastern Division Honor Ensemble for Modern Band](#):
 - In 2023, NAfME Eastern Division sponsored an honor ensemble, and have committed to doing the honor ensemble in 2025 at the next Eastern Division conference
- Florida [FMEA](#):
 - Since 2021, FMEA has sponsored a popular music collective that performs original music at the FMEA state conference
- Missouri [MMEA](#):
 - In 2023, Missouri sponsored a popular music collective that performed original music at the FMEA state conference, and they are continuing the ensemble in 2024
- West Virginia [WVMEA](#):
 - The Honor X Ensemble category is for non-traditional ensembles of 17 or less members. Ensembles that do not fit the band/orchestra/SATB choir mold can make recordings for adjudication and if chosen, are invited to perform at the WVMEA conference in March
- New York NYSSMA
 - NYSSMA served as the host of the NAfME All-Eastern Division conference, and after seeing the Honor Modern Band ensemble, the NYSSMA leadership expressed a commitment to offering an honors modern band ensemble in 2024, although it has not yet been finalized
- New Jersey NJMEA
 - NJMEA is hosting an auditioned modern band honor ensemble for 2024. Since Modern Band doesn't exist at the NJMEA region level, it is not an "All State" ensemble yet, but will start out as the organization's "Honors" ensemble.
- Maryland MMEA- <https://www.mdmea.org/all-state-auditions>
 - Maryland has committed to doing an All-State Commercial Music Ensemble in 2024. The dates are March 7-9, 2024 in Catonsville and the

performance is at UMBC.

- Pennsylvania PMEA
 - PMEA [District 7](#) had an All-District Modern Band Ensemble in 2022 and 2023, and PMEA [District 8](#) started an All-District Modern Band Ensemble in 2023. PMEA is sponsoring Modern Band showcases (pmea.net/modernband/). There is a working group working with PMEA leadership to sponsor an All-State Modern Band for 2024 and there have been several meetings so far with PMEA leadership
- Ohio MEA
 - Jay Dorfman (Kent State University) is working with OMEA leadership to create an All-State modern band ensemble.
- North Carolina- <https://www.ncmea.net/committees-2/popular-music-committee/>
 - The popular music committee is committed to recognizing, embracing, and advocating for popular music at the state music education level in ways that contribute meaningful, relevant, and innovative opportunities for all students and teachers who desire to learn, perform, or teach popular music in their classrooms.
- Kentucky KMEA
 - Martina Vasil (University of Kentucky) successfully proposed an All-State Elementary Modern Band for the next KMEA (Feb 2024). It will include grades 4–6 and will focus on and perform mostly covers, although original compositions are encouraged.
- Tennessee [TMEA](#)
 - In 2023, Tennessee hosted their first All-State Modern Band Ensemble, and they plan to do it again in 2024.
- Vermont VMEA
 - Bryan had a conversation with Nick, the President Elect of Vermont MEA. Nick reached out because he is interested in starting an All-State MB Ensemble
- Delaware MEA
 - Bryan had a conversation with Brian Drumbore (Delaware MEA President) at the NAFME Easter conference and he is interested in a Delaware All-State Modern Band.

- Connecticut CMEA
 - Music Will talked to David Miller (NAfME ensemble chair). 2025 NAfME Eastern Division Honors Modern Band will be in Hartford. Looking to start All-State Honors in 2024 in CT.