MSBOA All-State
Audition INFO
DUE FRIDAY September 28

The MSBOA All-State program was established in the 2005-06 school year. Four ensembles are selected from recorded auditions: a Middle School String Orchestra, a Middle School Band, a High School Full Orchestra and a High School Band. Students who are selected perform in an All-State Ensemble in Grand Rapids, MI at the Michigan Music Conference (January 24-26). In January, All-State Orchestra students assemble for two and a half days of rehearsal with nationally recognized conductors and clinicians. The rehearsals take place at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids from Thursday, January 24 through Saturday, January 26. A concert will be held on the morning of Saturday, January 26, 2019 in Devos Hall at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. Being selected for this ensemble is considered to be one of the highest honors as an instrumental musician in the state – the audition music is very challenging and there are thousands of students who will audition.

To audition, students will perform the attached etude and scales, and sight-read during each recorded audition. There is a non-refundable $15 fee to audition. Each audition is submitted using only an identification number with no reference to the student or school. The auditions are evaluated by an adjudicator and placed in order of ability. The required number of instruments is selected to fill each section. The goal is to determine the top students on each instrument from across the State of Michigan. Over 2,500 students audition each year for the 400 seats in the four All-State ensembles.

Geisler Middle School students will record their audition at Walled Lake Northern High School on Saturday, October 27 or Sunday, October 28. Audition schedules will be posted on the MSBOA website in mid-October. Ms. Burdek will notify you of your audition time.

Students who are selected to participate in the ensemble will be notified in late November or early December. If your child is selected, you will be responsible for the $60 participation fee, as well as expenses for lodging, transportation, and meals.

Students who would like to audition for the All-State Middle School Orchestra must return the attached form no later than FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!
Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

- 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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Student name: __________________________________________________________

Instrument: ___________________________ Grade: _________________________

Street address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ Zip: ______ Phone number: __________________________

Parent Email address: ____________________________

Preferred audition date (circle one):  Saturday, October 27  Sunday, October 28

Preferred audition time (circle one):  Early  Middle  Late

There is a non-refundable $15 fee to audition.

Method of payment (circle one):  Cash  Check#________

Please make checks out to Walled Lake Schools with Orchestra written in the memo.

I understand that if my child is selected to perform with the All-State Orchestra, I am responsible for travel & lodging to and from Grand Rapids, MI on January 24-26, 2019.

Parent Signature: ____________________________