



General Information Letter 2024
WEST VIRGINIA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND
Charleston Civic Center
February 29th and March 1st, 2024
Guest Conductor: Dr. Debra Confredo

This year marks the 1st Annual West Virginia Middle School All-State Band. WVMEA takes great pride in this event to provide an opportunity for middle school band students who thrive on challenge and expertise.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students in grades 6-8 must currently be a member of a performing ensemble (band) at a WVSSAC member school to be eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the band director. The Band Director **MUST** be a current member of WVMEA/NAFME.
2. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of the WV Middle School All-State Band. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts. **In most cases, no alternates will be placed for those students that are selected and choose not to attend the event.**

Audition Requirements

1. All auditions will be submitted online using Dropbox. A link and directions for uploading will be sent in an email to directors. Make sure Kimberly Smith (contact information is listed below) has your email address!
2. Each video will be uploaded in either .MP4 or .MOV format. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR VIDEO FILE TO EXCEED 300MB each. Recording your audition in 720p format or lower will help keep the file size down. Please record your audition using these guidelines:
 - **We need to see your hands playing the instrument!** Please do not record yourself close-up. Make sure your hands appear on camera.
 - **Introduce yourself before playing.** Example: "My name is Kim Smith from Oak Glen Middle School in Hancock County" You do not need to state your grade or instrument. This is so we can properly identify you for the results.
 - **Recording for Winds:** Introduce yourself, then play the four scales in the order they appear on the page, then play the etude, then stop the recording. **DO NOT START AND STOP THE VIDEO BETWEEN SCALES OR ETUDE.** Any editing of the video will result in immediate disqualification. ***Please label the video file this way:***
 - INSTRUMENT-Student Last Name-Student First Name-School Name
 - **For example:** ALTO SAX-Smith-Kim-Oak Glen
 - **Recording for Percussion:** Introduce yourself as in the example above, then play the mallet etude, then tune the timpani on camera, play the timpani etude, then play the snare etude, then stop the recording. **Percussion should have ONE continuous video that is not paused between instrument performances.** ***Please label the video file this way:***
 - PERCUSSION-Student Last Name-Student First Name-School Name
 - **For example:** PERCUSSION-Smith-Kim-Oak Glen
3. The scales and etudes should be played as written, at the tempo indicated on the score. Pay attention to any dynamic changes in the etude!
4. The videos must be recorded in **ONE** take. (In other words, you cannot start and stop the video between scales and etudes. The video must run continuously.) **DO NOT EDIT THE VIDEOS.** Start and stop the camera from beginning to end. **Percussion must demonstrate on camera their ability to use a pitch pipe to manually tune the timpani.** Any evidence of editing will result in disqualification. The band directors are to be especially aware of this and make it clear to students if they do any of their recordings at home.

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Audition Fees, Registration, and Deadlines

1. There is a \$15 audition fee (per audition). Audition fees will be paid by sending a **check payable to WV ALL-STATE BAND** in care of Kimberly Smith at the address below. (Please do NOT send cash)
 - Checks must be made payable to the **West Virginia All-State Band**. (ONE check per school please.)
 - Checks must be postmarked by **October 14, 2023**.
 - Please note you will be charged for all auditions complete and incomplete.
 - Registration form is attached.
2. The audition fees must be postmarked, and registrations must be submitted by **October 27, 2023**, to be considered on time. After **October 27, 2023**, the registration fee will rise from \$15.00 to **\$25.00** per instrument per student. **Absolutely no registrations or fees will be accepted if they are postmarked/submitted later than November 3, 2023**. Students who have not pre-registered will not be permitted to submit audition videos.
3. Audition videos will be accepted through December 3, 2023 at 12:00 AM EDT, via Dropbox. A link for uploading the videos will be sent to the band director. Please make sure Kimberly Smith has your email!
4. The ability to upload audition material to Dropbox will close **after 12:00 AM EDT on December 3, 2023**. This will allow for prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by December 15, 2023, and on the WVMEA website soon after.
5. All registration information must be postmarked/submitted by the due date (**October 27, 2023**) to be considered on time. To avoid any problems, please submit all the required information ahead of the final due date (**November 3, 2023**).
6. Submitted auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated, and no refunds will be issued.
7. If your student is accepted to the WV Middle School All-State Band, a registration form will be sent to the director's email. *Directors MUST register for the conference for students to participate in All State Ensembles.*
 - **Return the form, photo release and \$25.00 per student fee by January 13, 2024**. All forms should be sent to Kimberly Smith at the address below.
 - **Envelopes postmarked January 14, 2024 or later must include form, photo release and \$35.00 per student**.

**Music will be sent once fees and forms are received.*

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AUDITION REGISTRATION FORM 2024 WEST VIRGINIA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND

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Please list below all the students from your school who will submit video auditions for the 2024 WV Middle School All State Band. Please list their name and their instrument (type or print). In the case of euphonium, please specify treble or bass clef. In case of contra clarinet, list E flat or B flat. ***Directors MUST register for the conference for students to participate in All State Ensembles.***

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- If your school requires more than ten entries, simply print this form twice and send both in with the entry fees.

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SCHOOL _____ Bandmasters Region (Circle One): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 DIRECTOR(S) _____ DIRECTOR'S EMAIL _____ DIRECTOR'S PHONE _____	TOTAL FEES DUE: \$15.00 x _____ auditions = \$ _____
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Checks must be made to: West Virginia All State Band <i>Fees are due by October 27, 2023.</i> <i>Envelopes postmarked after 10/28/23 will be charged an additional \$10 per audition.</i>	Remit Payment to: WV Middle School All-State Band Kimberly Smith, Co-Chair c/o Oak Glen Middle School 39 Golden Bear Drive New Cumberland WV 26047 304-387-2363, Ext. 3941 kimberly.l.smith@k12.wv.us
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****You may copy this invoice to create additional auditions as needed****