

MICHIGAN SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION

2024 ALL-STATE MIDDLE SCHOOL STRING ORCHSTRA

Important Information/Schedule

- **Things to do immediately:**

- ✓ Complete the registration process by Friday, December 1, 2023. Parents of accepted students will receive a registration link in their email (from noreply@opusevent.com). Please be sure to check your spam. After clicking this link, you will need to complete the Registration Form, Health Form, and pay the **non-refundable** \$80.00 participation fee. This must be paid by credit card.
- ✓ Parents and students will also be receiving 2 emails to electronically sign the Health and the Registration Forms (2 for the parent and 2 for the student). They will look very similar. Both signatures must be completed. Parent and student emails must be different from each other in order to complete the electronic signatures.
- ✓ Directors and Principals of accepted students will also receive a link in their email for their electronic signature. Parents and students should also make sure these signatures are complete.
- ✓ All of these automated emails will come from noreply@opusevent.com
- ✓ Reserve a hotel room. Please refer to the Hotel Information Page within this packet.
- ✓ Purchase All-State souvenirs (congratulatory adds, shirts, sweatshirts, pictures, and recordings). You will find the order forms in this packet. **Each student will receive a complimentary MP3 recording of the concert.** Please use the Order Form in this packet **ONLY** if you need additional copies.

- **Location:** DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- **Report Date/Time:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 – registration is between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – in the hallway area in front of DeVos Place Grand Gallery D&E. **The first rehearsal will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m., DeVos Place Grand Gallery D&E**
- **Concert Dress:** The dress for the final concert will be your own school's concert uniform.
- **Concert Date, Time and Location:** Saturday, January 27, 9:30 a.m., DeVos Performance Hall.
- **Meals:** Lunch will be provided on Friday. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. All other meals will be on your own.
- **Hotel Accommodations:** If you are not staying in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, you will want to make sure you allow enough extra time to get from your hotel room to each rehearsal/event.
- **Instrument, Music Stand, and Music:** Do not forget your instrument! Also, bring a refillable water bottle, and rosin, cello strap, etc. Plan on having a pencil at every rehearsal! **You will also need your own wire music stand for rehearsals.** Your music will be mailed to your address on or before December 19, 2023. Other information will be sent in this mailing as well.
- **Badge:** Students will be given a name badge identifying you as a member of the MSBOA All-State Ensembles. You will need to wear this badge at all rehearsal and in the exhibit hall.
- **Parent Tickets:** Each student will be given two complementary tickets to the All-State Concerts for use by their parents or anyone they choose. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10 per adult. Children, ages 11-17 are \$5. Children 10 and under are free. Parents are allowed to register for the full conference for only \$20 each. This registration will allow them to attend ALL MMC events and exhibits.
- **Student Conduct:** Students are to conduct themselves by the highest of standards with regard to decorum and behavior. You have been selected as the finest student musicians from the top music

programs in our state. You will be representing your family, your school, and the thousands of student musicians in Michigan. This will be true of rehearsals, concerts, the exhibit hall, around the hotel area, and any other public setting from the time you register until the final concerts have ended. Minor infractions will be immediately reported to your school's administration. More serious infractions will also result in the student being asked to leave the event.

Schedule

2024 MSBOA Middle School All-State String Orchestra

Schedule – Thursday, January 25

10:30 a.m.	Registration begins – Lunch (on your own , plan accordingly)
12:30 p.m.	First Rehearsal in the DeVos Place Grand Gallery D&E
5:30 p.m.	College Fair – Ambassador Ballroom in the Amway Grand Hotel
6:30 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)

Schedule – Friday, January 26

9:00 a.m.	Rehearsal – Grand Gallery D&E
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m.	Rehearsal (during this time, students will be given time to visit the exhibit hall as part of the Michigan Music Conference).
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)
7:00 p.m.	<u>OPTIONAL</u> – MSBOA/MASTA Teacher Orchestra Concert, Ambassador Ballroom

Schedule – Saturday, January 27

***Please Note: Conductors will determine Saturday morning call time for warm-up.**

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast for All-State Students. This breakfast is only for All-State Students. <u>No families or guests.</u>
8:00 a.m.	All-State Band & Orchestra Concert begins. DeVos Performance Hall
8:00 a.m.	MS Band
8:45 a.m.	HS Band
9:30 a.m.	MS String Orchestra
10:15 a.m.	HS Orchestra
3:30 p.m.	HS Jazz Ensemble – Ambassador Ballroom