

To the question of whether we will still be able to hold the MS All-State Band event in March, we have decided to take a “wait and see” approach at this time. There are many variables to consider and conditions have been, and probably will continue to change, month to month and even week to week.

At this point in time, we plan on holding MS All State Band Auditions as usual. The etudes have been posted since May 2020; our audition process will be the same, albeit in a different format*, and the due dates will remain the same as they have been in the past. We will look to make a judgement call as to whether or not we can safely hold the event after our January SDMEA board meeting, which will coincide with the posting of results. This way, we can still recognize those students who were able to achieve this high honor, and also award 3 year members for the 2021 All-State Middle School Bands.

As musicians and educators, we all know the value of preparing an audition lies not just in the end result, but also in the process - the journey - itself. Please continue to encourage your students to challenge themselves and work to prepare the audition. The musical and technical gains are still won, no matter what!

As always, please reach out to us with any questions or concerns!

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* New audition format: We have made the switch away from using Music Festival Software for our online auditions. We will now be using Google Forms, similar to what MS All State Jazz has been using.