



Dear MSASO Parent or Guardian,

Congratulations on having your child selected to participate in this year's SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra! We know that the support of families is essential in a student's music education, and we thank you for the commitment you've made to help your child in their musical endeavors!

We sincerely hope your child can join us for a weekend of fantastic music making. The events will take place at Jefferson High School in Sioux Falls, SD, February 24th-25th, 2023, beginning with registration at noon on February 24th and concluding with a public performance at 3:00 on February 25th. **On Friday only: Please drop off and pick up your student using door L off of Terry Ave. You can park on Terry Ave and enter through door L. After dinner Friday, parents may use the main**

entrance to the school. Please see the attached [schedule](#) for more detailed information. Parents are welcome to observe MSASO rehearsal, or drop their child off and enjoy Sioux Falls and the area. If you decide not to attend the rehearsals, we ask that you please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child.

Families traveling to Sioux Falls are responsible for transportation and hotel accommodations. We have group rates set up at four hotels convenient to Jefferson High School. More details can be found on the attached [hotel list](#). Please book your reservations soon! Reserved blocks will be released by January 24th.

MSASO t-shirts are available for purchase! T-shirts are a great way to commemorate this experience and show off your child's accomplishment! T-shirts can be purchased in our [online store](#) through February 5th. Pre-ordered t-shirts will be distributed at registration.

We also request that the [Photo Release Form](#) and [Emergency Contact Form](#) are completed prior to your arrival at Jefferson High School. This will make registration go much faster! You can return both forms directly to me via email at kim.bogart@k12.sd.us, or to your child's orchestra teacher.

There is a \$9 registration fee per student. Please follow your child's teacher's instructions for submitting this.

Music will be sent to your child's teacher via email. Please encourage your child to practice it! The better prepared our students are, the better our concert will sound! The All State students will have the opportunity to perform a side by side piece with the High School J. Laiten Weed Honor Orchestra students at the concert. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to work closely with the advanced high school students on a famous piece of music!

The Grand Finale Concert will take place at 3:00 at Jefferson High School. The concert is open to the public, and we hope you can join us! Three-Year participants will also be recognized at the concert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person to attend the concert. Concert attire for students is dressy clothes of any color.

Thank you again for supporting your child, and I look forward to a wonderful weekend of making music with the SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra!

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