

To the question of whether we will still be able to hold the MS All-State Jazz Band event in February, we have decided to take a “wait and see” approach at this time. There are many variables to consider and conditions have been fluid from day to day.

At this point in time, we will hold MS All State Jazz Band Auditions as usual. All etudes have been newly written for this year, and each instrument now only has **one** etude. We will be using Google Drive, just as we did last year. 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 Jazz 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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