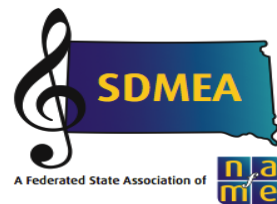


# SDMEA Middle School All-State Band 2024



January 17, 2024

Dear Directors,

Congratulations on having students selected to the 25th celebration of the SDMEA Middle School All-State Band! We are excited to welcome Randall Standridge (Honor Band) and Dr. Larry Petersen (Festival Band) as our guest conductors.

There are lots of important items listed below - please read carefully, and ask if you have any questions.

## **For students and/or parents (please share with your families):**

- Students need to bring their music, any accessories they might need (mutes, etc.), and percussion students need to provide their own sticks and mallets.
- The dress code for the weekend is: casual for rehearsals, dress clothes for the concert. Please, no hats.
- Here is the schedule for the event: [2024 MSASB Schedule](#)
- Please fill out the following form PRIOR to the event. This form includes emergency contact information, the SDMEA photo release form, and any special requests that are needed by the student. [CLICK HERE to complete the form.](#)
- Any student who does not have this form completed prior to checking in at the event, will need to fill it out when they arrive in Mitchell.
- The link to order t-shirts through Monarch Sales is [HERE](#). The deadline for ordering t-shirts is Wednesday, February 7. Students can order them individually, or the director can place a school order together through the website (check to see what your school is doing!). We will bring all shirts to Mitchell and distribute. They are **NOT** required for students.
- Reminder: there is a \$5.00 admission fee for the concert. Students 18 and under are free

## **For directors:**

- With the new fee restructure, there are NO ADDITIONAL FEES that need to be collected. The \$15 fee for the audition is all that was due.
- If your student cannot attend MSASB, please let me know immediately so we can shift chairs/parts, or possibly find alternates. Remember, students selected must be present throughout the whole event.
- You will receive an email from Holly Gage with the links for downloading your all-state music soon. There will be percussion assignments and a part division sheet located here also. Make sure you download the correct parts for your student(s).
- You should have received your school's scores and the cut-off sheet. Please let me know if you did not receive it.
- SDMEA is offering an Instrumental Workshop during MSASB that you may take for credit. There will be a registration form on the website shortly. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity! More information will be provided from Ellie Kenkel.
- Please confirm your 3 year All-State Members via email to Julie Berger ([Julie.Berger@k12.sd.us](mailto:Julie.Berger@k12.sd.us)).
- Confirm/adjust your hotel reservations in Mitchell.
- T-shirt information is listed above, but the link is also [HERE](#).
- Here is a [Press Release](#) you can use for your local newspaper.

- ALL FORMS ARE LOCATED ON THE WEBSITE  
<http://www.sdmea.net/events/middle-school-all-state-ban/>
- Here is the schedule for the event: [2024 MSASB Schedule](#)
- MUSIC FOR SALE: Thankfully we only needed to purchase a couple selections this year. Holly Gage will inform you of the pieces available for sale. If you'd like to purchase a piece, they will be available at a reduced price on March 2 (after the performance). NO PO's – bring a check to Mitchell, made out to SDMEA, to purchase the music. First come-first serve basis.

Again, Congratulations - See you on March 1st!

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