



General Information Letter

South Dakota Music Education Association

2025 SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra

Mitchell High School Performing Arts Center, Mitchell, SD

February 21st-22nd, 2025

Dr. Peter Folliard, conductor

<http://sdmea.net/events/middle-school-all-state-orchestra>

You are invited to audition students for the 9th annual SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra! Next year's event will include the SDSTA J. Laiten Weed Honors Orchestra and the 8th annual String Symposium. The String Symposium will include professional development for credit and a music reading session.

Eligibility Requirements

Students in grades 6-8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school orchestra program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the orchestra teacher or the student's private lesson instructor. If no orchestra teacher is at the school, the band teacher may submit the recordings. The orchestra/band director or private lesson instructor **MUST** be a current member of SDMEA. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of MSASO. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts. In most cases, no alternates will be placed for those students that are selected and choose not to attend the event.

Audition Requirements

Auditions will be submitted online beginning October 15, 2024. We are asking for video auditions submitted through an unlisted link on YouTube into a Google Form. Audition materials and instructions for uploading and submitting the video auditions are available by going to the SDMEA.net web link at the top of this page.

Audition deadline is November 15, 2024. Any auditions submitted to the Google Form after 11:59 PM CDT on November 15, 2024 will not be accepted. This allows for a prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by December 15, 2024, and on the SDMEA website soon after.

There is a \$15 audition fee (per audition)

- Payment accepted only by check made out to SDMEA; do not send cash.
- Please submit only one check per school.
- Mail check to Laura Wilsey (Address below).
- Checks need to be postmarked by November 29, 2024.

There will **no longer** be an additional registration fee of \$9 per student selected to the orchestra. Only one fee will be collected and only one check sent from each school.

Submitted auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated.

Thank you for encouraging your students to audition for the 2025 SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra!

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