



South Dakota Music Educators Association
General Information Letter
2024 SDMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND
Mitchell Performing Arts Center - March 1st & 2nd, 2024
Guest Directors:

Randall D. Standridge - Honor Band
Dr. Larry Petersen - Festival Band

This year marks the 25th Annual South Dakota Music Educators Association Middle School All-State Band. SDMEA takes great pride in this event as a way to provide an opportunity for students who thrive on challenge and expertise.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students in grades 6-8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school band program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the band director or the student's private lesson instructor. (Band Director/Private Instructor **MUST** be a current member of SDMEA/NAfME)
2. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of Middle School All-State Band. 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

1. All auditions will be submitted online using Google Forms. A link and directions for uploading will be sent in an email to directors. Make sure the Event Chair (listed below) has your email address!
2. Each scale & etude will be uploaded *individually*, **in Mp3 format**, in the following order:
 - a. Winds: chromatic, major, minor, 6/8, 4/4 (5 recordings to upload)
 - b. Percussion: mallet etude, timpani etude, rudiment 1, rudiment 2, snare etude (5 recordings to upload)
3. The scales and etudes should be played as written, at the marked tempos.
4. Please do not have the students identify themselves when recording.
5. The individual scales and etudes must be recorded in one take. **Any evidence of editing will result in disqualification.** Directors are to be especially aware of this and make it clear to students if they do any of their recordings at home.

Audition Information

1. **Audition deadline is December 8th, 2023**
2. *The ability to upload audition material to the website will be unavailable after 11:59 PM CDT on December 8th, 2022. This will allow for a prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by January 16th, 2023 and on the SDMEA website soon after.*
3. There is a \$15 audition fee (per audition). Audition fees may be paid by sending a check to Julie Berger at the address below. (please do NOT send cash)
 - a. **Checks need to be made payable to SDMEA.** (ONE check per school please)
 - b. **Checks need to be postmarked by December 20th, 2023. Please plan ahead!**
 - c. **Please note:** you will be charged for all auditions complete and incomplete if you have uploaded audition materials.
4. The SDMEA board has voted to institute a \$25 late fee per school when payment is not received by two weeks from the deadline for all events.
5. **Submitted auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated.**

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