

Georgia Music Educators Association

All-State Orchestra Rules/Regulations *(update January 2024)*

Attendance Policy

As stated in the All-State Acceptance and Participation section of the GMEA Handbook:

Students are required to attend all rehearsals and the performance. Students who are tardy will be moved to the back of the section or dismissed from the event by the Division Chair.

Code of Conduct

- Students participating in any GMEA All-State event must attend all rehearsals and the performance. Students who cannot meet this requirement should withdraw as soon as they realize there will be a conflict.
- Students who are selected for participation in a GMEA All-State group and who fail to attend that event without giving advance notice and showing good cause in writing to the chairperson of the division involved will not be allowed to audition for that All-State event the following year.
- There is not a formal Registration or Check-In process at the All-State event. Students are to be in their assigned seat no later than 6:45 p.m. for the first rehearsal.
- There is not a formal Registration Process or Check-In. However, an adult (parent, guardian, teacher, chaperone) assumes responsibility for said student's safety and conduct while the event is in progress.
- Teachers are encouraged not to allow any student to drive a motor vehicle to the All-State event and no student should be allowed to operate a motor vehicle during the All-State event.
- Use of alcoholic beverages, illegal and/or non-prescription narcotic drugs, and tobacco products by students during the All-State event is strictly prohibited. Students violating this rule are subject to immediate suspension from the event.
- All adults assuming the responsibility for All-State participants must set curfews for the students under their supervision that are reasonable and proper and that are respectful of the other guests in the hotel. These adults must also supervise the behavior at all times when rehearsals and performances are not ongoing to ensure the students' safety and the rights of other hotel guests.
- Students must be on time for all rehearsals and the performance. Students in instrumental groups who are late for rehearsal are subject to being moved to the bottom of the section at the first occurrence and to removal from the group at the second occurrence. Decisions involving this rule are made by the organizing chairperson, the division chairperson, and the GMEA All-State Vice-President.
- All students will be responsible for bringing his/her own wire music stand to the event.
- No disruptive behavior of any kind will be tolerated during rehearsals. Students who disrupt rehearsals will be subject to removal from the group for the remainder of the event.

Dress Code

Students attending GMEA All-State events will be required to abide by the following dress code:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Students may wear shorts to rehearsals provided the bottom of the leg of the shorts extends at least to the students' fingertips with the arm fully extended. The same rule will apply to the length of the girls' skirts.
- No tank tops or shirts without sleeves may be worn.
- All students must wear appropriate undergarments.
- No hats of any kind may be worn during rehearsals.
- Students may not wear clothing bearing obscene, vulgar, or otherwise offensive language or pictures.
- Concert dress for All-State Orchestra events will be all black. Students may wear long black dresses or long black skirts, black shirts, black pants, black shoes (and black socks, if applicable), or black tuxedos (as traditionally done - with white shirt and black bow tie).
- Students violating the dress code are subject to immediate suspension from the All-State event.

Waiver of Rights with Regard to Video Recordings of Concerts

HD Video Recordings of GMEA All-State concerts will be produced and made available to those wishing to purchase them by SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC. These recordings will include close-up images of some students, but no students will be identified by name or school. Participation in All-State constitutes agreement by parents and legal guardians to hold Georgia Music Educators Association and SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC harmless against an and all consequences pertaining to their child as a result of recording and the sale, distribution and/or broadcast thereof.

Parents and students also forfeit any intellectual property rights pertaining to the use of the student's visual image as a part of such recording and assign those intellectual property rights to the Georgia Music Educators Association and/or SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC.