

RULES GOVERNING STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN GMEA ALL-STATE EVENTS

1. Students participating in a 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.
2. Students who are selected for participation in a GMEA All-State group and fail to attend that event without giving advance notice and showing good cause in writing to the Choral Chair will not be allowed to audition for All-State Chorus the following year.
3. **No student may register himself at a GMEA All-State event. All students must be registered by an adult who assumes responsibility for that student's safety and conduct while the event is in progress. ALL STUDENTS FROM A SINGLE SCHOOL MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE SAME ADULT.**
4. Teachers should arrange student transportation for the All-State Event with parents or other involved adults. No student is allowed to operate a motor vehicle during the All-State event.
5. 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 will be suspended from the event, parents and school administration will be notified, and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
6. Adults responsible for All-State participants must set curfews for the students under their supervision that comply with hotel guidelines and are respectful of other hotel guests. These adults must also supervise student behavior at all times outside rehearsals to ensure students' safety and the rights of other guests in the hotel and city.
7. **Students should arrive 15 minutes early for all rehearsal and performance call times.** Students will be given a warning at the first violation and are subject to dismissal at the second violation. Decisions involving this rule are made by the Choir Organizer, the Choral Chair, and the GMEA Vice-President for All-State Events.
8. 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.
9. Students attending GMEA All-State events will be required to abide by the following dress code:
 - a. Shoes must be worn at all times.
 - b. Shorts may be worn to rehearsals provided the shorts extend at least to the student's fingertips with the arm fully extended. The same rule will apply to the length of girls' skirts.
 - c. No tank tops or shirts without sleeves may be worn by either ladies or gentlemen.
 - d. All students must wear appropriate undergarments.
 - e. No hats may be worn during rehearsals.
 - f. Students may not wear clothing bearing obscene, vulgar or otherwise offensive language or pictures.
 - g. Students violating the dress code are subject to immediate suspension from the All-State event.
 - h. If you have a question as to whether something is appropriate or not, do not wear it!
10. All students are required to wear the **appropriate concert attire** for Choral All-State events:
 - a. **Ladies** will wear a floor-length black dress with sleeves or jacket OR a floor-length black skirt and black blouse with sleeves or jacket. If not tucked in, blouses must hang below the waist of a skirt by 3 inches. Ladies are to wear black shoes that completely encompass the foot and black stockings. **Flip flops, sandals, clogs, and shoes with extremely high heels** present a safety issue when maneuvering steps or risers and **are not acceptable attire**. Students may not wear pants, shorts, or shirts under the concert attire.
 - b. **Gentlemen** will wear a white, long-sleeved dress or tuxedo shirt, black bowtie, black pants, black socks and black shoes that completely encompass the foot. **Flip flops, sandals, and clogs** present a safety issue when maneuvering steps or risers and are not acceptable attire. Students may not wear t-shirts with pictures or writing that is visible under the white shirt.
 - c. Students violating the concert dress code are subject to suspension from the All-State Chorus performance.
 - d. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate decorum and may not unbutton shirts, remove bow ties, take off shoes, etc. following a concert, while in the auditorium.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____