

Georgia Music Educators Association

All-State Chorus Rules/Regulations *(Updated 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

A singer who, for any reason, violates the Rules of Behavior or Code of Conduct, creates a disruptive situation for the chorus and the conductor. Therefore, the organizing chairperson is instructed to place any student on automatic probation for a first offense. A second offense involving a disregard for the rules means that the student will be brought before the GMEA Choral Division Chair and/or the GMEA Vice-President for All-State to determine if the student will be removed from an All-State Chorus for violating any of the rules listed below.

1. A singer must be on time for all rehearsals and the performance. A student may not be tardy for any reason. If directors and chaperones are providing transportation, they must take the responsibility for getting the students where they need to be on time.
2. All singers must comply with the dress code.
3. For great music to happen, the singer must:
 - a. Dispose of gum before rehearsals
 - b. Be seated prior to the starting time of rehearsals
 - c. Use proper posture during rehearsals
 - d. Listen and refrain from extraneous conversations during rehearsals
 - e. Have a pencil in hand during rehearsals
 - f. Be attentive to the details of the music during rehearsals
 - g. No use of cell phones/electronic devices during rehearsals
 - h. Be respectful to the guest conductor, choir organizer, and choir members at all times.
4. All singers must be aware that the GMEA night curfew will be enforced.
5. All singers will be responsible for their own:
 - a. Music
 - b. Pencil
 - c. Proper concert attire
 - d. BLACK folder for the performance

6. CREED OF THE ALL-STATE SINGER:

MY PRIMARY GOAL FOR BEING AT ALL-STATE CHORUS IS TO GIVE MYSELF AND OTHERS AROUND ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE BEST MUSIC POSSIBLE. ALL OTHER REASONS ARE SECONDARY TO MY PRIMARY GOAL.

Dress Code

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

Ladies will wear a floor-length black dress with sleeves or jacket, OR floor-length black skirt and black blouse with sleeves or jacket, OR floor-length black pants and black blouse with sleeves or jacket. Blouses will hang below the waist of a skirt or pants by 3 inches. Also, all ladies are to wear black shoes that completely encompass the foot. Flip flops or sandals of any kind present a safety issue when maneuvering steps or risers and are not acceptable attire.

Gentlemen will wear a black, long-sleeved dress shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes that completely encompass the foot. Flip flops or sandals of any kind present a safety issue when maneuvering steps or risers and are not acceptable attire.

Students violating the Concert Dress Code are subject to suspension from the All-State Chorus performance.

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.