

MICHIGAN SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION

2025 ALL-STATE MIDDLE SCHOOL STRING ORCHSTRA

Important Information/Schedule

- **Things to do immediately:**
 - ✓ Complete the registration process by Monday, December 2, 2024. Parents of accepted students will receive a registration link in their email from noreply@opusevent.com. Please be sure to check your spam. After clicking this link, you will need to complete the Registration Form, Health Form, and pay the **non-refundable** \$80.00 participation fee. This must be paid by credit card.
 - ✓ After the parent completes the online Registration Form, the online Health Form and pays the \$80.00 participation fee, parents and students will also receive 2 additional emails to electronically sign the Health Form and the Registration Form (2 separate emails for the parent and 2 separate emails for the student). **They will look very similar.** Both signatures must be completed on the parent forms and the student forms, four (4) electronic signatures in total. Parent and student emails must be different from each other to complete the electronic signatures. We suggest students use a personal email address, if possible, to avoid schools blocking outside emails.
 - ✓ Directors and Principals of accepted students will also receive a link in their email for their electronic signature. Parents and students should also make sure these signatures are completed.
 - ✓ All these automated emails will come from noreply@opusevent.com.
 - ✓ Reserve a hotel room. Please refer to the Hotel Information Page within this packet.
 - ✓ Purchase All-State souvenirs (congratulatory ads, shirts, sweatshirts, pictures, and recordings). You will find the order forms in this packet. **Each student will receive a complimentary MP3 recording of the concert.** Please use the Order Form in this packet **ONLY** if you need additional copies.
- **Location:** DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
- **Report Date/Time:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 – registration is between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – in the hallway area in front of DeVos Place River Overlook A & B. **The first rehearsal will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m., DeVos Place River Overlook A & B.**
- **Concert Dress:** The dress for the final concert will be your own school's concert uniform.
- **Concert Date, Time and Location:** Saturday, January 25, 8:00 a.m., DeVos Place Steelcase Ballroom.
- **Meals:** Lunch will be provided on Friday. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. All other meals will be on your own.
- **Hotel Accommodations:** If you are not staying in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, you will want to make sure you allow enough extra time to get from your hotel room to each rehearsal/event.
- **Instrument, Music Stand, and Music:** Do not forget your instrument! Also, bring a refillable water bottle, and rosin, cello strap, etc. Plan on having a pencil at every rehearsal! **You will also need your own folding music stand for rehearsals.** Your music will be mailed to your address on or before December 17, 2024. Other information will be sent in this mailing as well.
- **Badge:** Students will be given a name badge identifying you as a member of the MSBOA All-State Ensembles. You will need to wear this badge at all rehearsals and in the exhibit hall.
- **Parent Tickets:** Each student will be given two complementary tickets to the All-State Concerts for use by their parents or anyone they choose. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10 per adult. Children,

ages 11-17 are \$5. Children 10 and under are free. Purchase tickets online through Ticketmaster (*incurs additional processing fees*) or onsite at the DeVos Place Ticket Office.

- **Optional Parent Conference Registration:** Parents are allowed to register for the full conference for only \$35 each. This registration will allow them to attend ALL MMC events and exhibits.
- **Student Conduct:** Students are to conduct themselves by the highest of standards with regard to decorum and behavior. You have been selected as the finest student musicians from the top music programs in our state. You will be representing your family, your school, and the thousands of student musicians in Michigan. This will be true of rehearsals, concerts, the exhibit hall, around the hotel area, and any other public setting from the time you register until the final concerts have ended. Minor infractions will be immediately reported to your school's administration. More serious infractions will also result in the student being asked to leave the event.

Schedule

2025 MSBOA Middle School All-State String Orchestra

Schedule – Thursday, January 23

10:30 a.m.	Registration begins – Lunch (on your own , plan accordingly)
12:30 p.m.	First Rehearsal in the DeVos Place River Overlook A & B
5:30 p.m.	College Fair – Ambassador Ballroom in the Amway Grand Hotel
6:30 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)

Schedule – Friday, January 24

9:00 a.m.	Rehearsal – DeVos Place River Overlook A & B
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m.	Rehearsal (during this time, students will be given time to visit the exhibit hall as part of the Michigan Music Conference)
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)
7:00 p.m.	<u>OPTIONAL</u> – MSBOA/MASTA Teacher Orchestra Concert, Ambassador Ballroom

Schedule – Saturday, January 25

***Please Note: Conductors will determine Saturday morning call time for warm-up.**

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast for All-State students. This breakfast is only for All-State students. <u>No families or guests.</u>
8:00 a.m.	All-State Band & Orchestra Concert begins. DeVos Place Steelcase Ballroom
	8:00 a.m. MS String Orchestra
	8:45 a.m. HS Orchestra
	9:30 a.m. MS Band
	10:15 a.m. HS Band
	3:30 p.m. HS Jazz Ensemble – Amway Grand Ambassador Ballroom

Hotel Information

The Michigan Music Conference has secured rooms at the following hotels. The following links can also be found at <https://michiganmusicconference.org/>.

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50841567/owner/3416832/home>

Rate: \$165/night

Cutoff date: December 31, 2024

JW Marriott Hotel Grand Rapids

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50841567/owner/3416832/home>

Rate: \$198/night

Cutoff date: December 31, 2024

Courtyard by Marriott

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50841567/owner/3416832/home>

Rate: \$165/night

Cutoff date: December 31, 2024

Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown

<https://shorturl.at/L0aG3>

Rate: \$147/night

Cutoff date: January 7, 2025

All-State Concert Ticket Information

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, your son/daughter will receive their registration envelope at their rehearsal room between 10:30 am and 12:00 Noon. Within the registration envelope they will find **two (2) complimentary tickets** for their performance. You are free to give these tickets to anyone you like, e.g. parents, other family members or the family of your friends in the All-State Bands and Orchestras who may need additional tickets.

Purchasing Additional Concert Tickets:

If you wish to purchase additional concert tickets you will be able to do so by accessing the website for the Michigan Music Conference (www.michiganmusicconference.org). Purchase tickets online at Ticketmaster (*incurs additional processing fees*) or at the DeVos Place Box Office.

General Admission tickets are available for \$10/person; tickets for children ages 11-17 are available for \$5; children 10 and under are free.

Tickets will be available for sale one hour prior to the performance in DeVos Place at the **Box Office**.

Personal Congratulatory Ad

Congratulatory ads are available online if you would like to include a congratulatory note to your student(s) in the official All-State Program.

To purchase an add, go to www.michiganmusicconference.org and scroll halfway down on the webpage. Under the heading "Performances," you should see a clickable link "Parents." After clicking on the link, scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "Congratulatory Ads."

The deadline for ordering an ad is Friday, December 6, 2024. Your ad will appear in the 2025 Official All-State Concert Program.