
MMEA All-State Rules and Regulations

Expectations and rules for MMEA All-State participants are designed to provide the highest quality musical experience possible, to comply with state laws, and to keep the students safe. Rule violations detract from the All-State experience and often result in a student's disqualification from further All-State activities.

Student Expectations

1. Students must attend and be on time for all rehearsals, sectionals and camp activities. If you are tardy or miss a rehearsal, sectional or camp activity for any reason you must report to your section coach or the MMEA Vice-President.
2. Students must adhere to policies as established by the MSHSL regarding sexual, racial and religious harassment, and violence. Students must also adhere to the eligibility requirements regarding chemical use, as stated in bylaw 205 of the MSHSL Fine Arts Rules and Policies Manual:
During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not: (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use tobacco; or (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance.
3. All-State students must remain on the college/university campus at all times during the summer camp unless written permission is obtained from the MMEA Vice President or their designee.
4. During the February rehearsals and performances, students are required to submit the "Registration and Parent Permission" form, indicating where the student will be housed during the rehearsal and performance period.

Student Attendance Policy

1. It is the policy of the MMEA Board of Directors that students will not be excused from attendance at All-State rehearsals, concerts, or other activities for any reason. This commitment includes both the summer camp and February rehearsals and performance. Exceptions to this rule are rare and will be made only in emergency situations.
2. All students will be housed in dormitories on campus during the summer camp. Students are expected to remain on campus throughout the duration of the camp. Students will be responsible for their own housing during the February events. It is recommended that they stay with other All-State students, relatives, or friends in the metro area. They may also secure a room at the convention hotel in Minneapolis at their own expense.

Housing Expectations:

1. Students must sleep in the room to which they were assigned. Students found outside of their assigned room after lights out may be sent home.
2. All students are expected to follow camp rules as to room curfew and time for lights out (quiet hours).
3. Outside of move-in and move-out time, the only individuals that may be present in a dorm room are those students assigned to the room, MMEA section coaches, Vice Presidents, and college dorm counselors. Students may visit other campers in common areas in the dorm and on campus.
4. You will receive a room key at check in. Students must turn in the key at check out time. Students will be charged for lost keys as determined by the college campus (often \$50).
5. Students are responsible for keeping their room neat and orderly. You are guests of the College/University, and are expected to respect the buildings and furniture as you would your own. Students are responsible for the cost of any damages.
6. If you drive a car to camp, you must turn your car keys in at registration. The keys will be returned to you at check out.
7. When you leave the Resident Hall for your home after All-State, check to be sure you have taken all of your belongings with you. You must leave your room in good order. You should plan to be out of your room by 1:00 pm on Saturday unless given permission from the Residence Hall Director to remain later. Use the designated areas to store your luggage and wait for your parents.

Eligibility Requirements

1. A student participating in an All-State music ensemble must be enrolled in the corresponding musical group in their high school, if one exists. They must be enrolled in and a member in good standing from the time of the audition through the following February rehearsals and performance to be eligible for participation in the All-State ensembles.

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2. All-State is sponsored by the MMEA as a service to its members and their students. Participation is limited to those students whose sponsoring teacher is a current member in good standing of MMEA and MENC at the time of the audition and continues to be a member during the rehearsal and performance period.

Additional items:

1. Counselors will be on duty to help in any way possible. Counselors are officially on duty from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am. Staff is available daily at the desk. (Times may vary from camp to camp)
2. If you get hurt or don't feel well, tell your dorm counselor, your section coach and the MMEA Vice President immediately.
3. Students who find it necessary to withdraw their membership from All-State must notify the MMEA office in writing no later than three weeks prior to camp in order to receive a refund of the camp fee minus a \$50.00 service charge. Refunds after that date will be pro-rated and considered on an individual basis, providing a suitable replacement can be secured.

Violations of any of the above rules will be brought to the attention of the Head Counselor and the MMEA Vice President. Where the situation warrants, a report of the violation will be sent to parents and school directors. Those that violate any of the preceding rules may be sent home and would no longer be eligible to participate in further All-State activities. Any other actions, including those not specifically cited, which are detrimental to the camp experience may result in expulsion from All-State. In all cases, the final decision rests with the MMEA officials.