

Maryland Music Educators Association
A Federated State Unit of NAFME: The National Association for Music Education

TO: Directors of Wind and Percussion All State 2019-2020 Nominees
Copy for Students: Senior Auditions (Grade 10-12), November 23, 2019

FROM: Mariama Boney, MMEA Executive Director (mmeamarylandinfo@gmail.com) and John Stevenson, Maryland Band Directors Association President

SUBJECT: All State Senior Band Audition Invitation and Information
<https://www.mmea-maryland.org/locations-all-state>.

LOCATION: Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040

AUDITION INVITATION: Students with a confirmed **audition number (for example, SBxxxxxxx-x)** as confirmed nomination by the music teacher/director have been scheduled for a ten-minute time frame. **Do not change time assignments.** Ensure that the [student commitment fee](#) has been paid prior to arrival and it must be aligned and match the nomination application submitted by the teacher/director in Submittable.com or the student will be ineligible to audition. After, November 12, all issues will be managed on-site.

ARRIVAL: Please plan accordingly for travel, traffic, and parking. Get rest. Bring water or snacks.

1. Check-in with your **audition number** 30 minutes before your time to receive your judges score sheets and have ample warm up time. Again, you must have an **audition number**.
2. Morning audition times are from 8:00am to 11:50am. Check-in for the morning will be open from 7:30am-11:30am. You must present an **audition number**.
3. Afternoon audition times are from 1:00pm to 4:50pm. Check-in for the afternoon will be open from 12:30pm-4:15pm. You must present an **audition number**.
4. All students must check-in by 4:15pm. After this 4:15 p.m. check-in closes, there is no opportunity to audition.
5. In the event of an extreme emergency, the auditions team will do their best to find an alternate time within the window.

ON-SITE PROCESS FOR STUDENTS: Please bring and prepare the following.

1. Bring a pencil. Check the walls of the warmup room for the selection of the excerpt to be performed and mark your music accordingly. No announcements will be made.
3. Proceed to your audition room **5 minutes before** your time. Audition room number details and reminders will be posted in the warmup room.
4. Do not play any instrument in the halls outside the audition rooms. This is very disruptive.

We appreciate your partnership to participate! The Audition Manager, Lisa Schultze, Host, Anne Pape, her students or colleagues, the MBDA volunteer-leaders, volunteers, judges, and MMEA professional staff will appreciate the gratitude and patience throughout the day. This information will be posted at:

5. Students should wear business casual or day-time concert attire. Students **should not wear marked clothing** into the audition room which indicates their school or county or their participation in a previous year's All State group. We work very hard to make sure the audition process is anonymous and fair. Please do not compromise that effort.

6. **Only students who are auditioning are to proceed to the audition area 5 minutes before their audition time.** Parents/guardians, teachers, and friends of the student are asked to remain in the warm-up or check-in area. There is no Wifi on-site. Ensure the **parent confirmation form** is complete should there be an emergency on-site.

FINALS ROOM: Clarinets, flutes, alto saxes, and trumpets only, may be sent to a finals room after the first audition. Students should be prepared to stay for the second audition immediately to follow if asked to do so (up to an additional 30 minutes). If a finals pass isn't received, the student is finished with the audition.

BE PREPARED: Any student who arrives at the audition with the wrong audition music prepared will be given the correct music and up to one hour to prepare the correct music. Please be certain that students have the correct music and the correct scale requirement information. Check the MMEA web page at www.mmea-maryland.org/handbook for all requirements.

CHANGES: Any requests for changes of schedule must be made by the band director/music educator by Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:59 p.m., via email to the **1. Auditions Manager and 2. mmeamarylandinfo@gmail.com**. Band directors/music educators may find their email addresses on the password protected webpage. Requests received from the parent/guardian or student will not be accepted. Changes will be considered, yet are not guaranteed. After, November 18, all issues will be managed on-site.

ALL STATE NOTIFICATION: The list of selected musicians for the All State Senior Band will be available to each participating school director via the website between December 9-20. The deadline for All State commitment, registration, and payment is January 10. The All State Commitment/ Registration Fee is \$450 for public school students and \$555 for private school students. All fees and items purchased are non-refundable.

The registration fee covers their hotel room, meals, and transportation from the hotel to the concert site. All students spend two nights in the hotel as assigned, under supervision of chaperones (local teachers). Student schedules include meals, 8 hours of sleep, 3-8 hours of rehearsals each day, dress rehearsals, as well as transportation to/from the rehearsals. Students cannot miss rehearsals for any reason and must be on site for the duration of the weekend.

Best Wishes!

To preserve the privacy and safety of students, all communication is facilitated through the school music teacher. *Students and parents/guardians must work directly with and communicate directly with the school music teacher/director. Alternate files, formats, and links are not provided unless a request for accessibility due to a documented disability exists.*