



South Dakota Music Educators Association

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## 2009 SDMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND

March 6-7, 2009

T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre, SD

Audition deadline: December 1, 2008

Eligible Participants: Students in grades 6 through 8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school band program.

This year marks the 10th Annual Middle School All-State Band Festival. The past nine years have presented the opportunity to grow in our service to young musicians across the state. Through sponsorship by the South Dakota Music Educators Association (SDMEA), an avenue of excellence is provided for the students who thrive on challenge and expertise. SDMEA takes great pride in this event.

### **Audition Requirements**

1. The audition materials must be played in the order presented.
  - a. for winds: scales, etude #1, etude #2
  - b. for percussion: scales, mallet etude, timpani etude, rudiments, snare etude,
2. The scales and etudes should be played as written.
3. Recordings can be made on either a high quality cassette tape or a CD.
4. Each student who auditions must be recorded on a separate cassette or CD.
5. DO NOT label the recording with any identifying information. List only "#1", "#2", etc. on the recording. Please list the identifying information on the audition sheet only.
6. Please do not have the students identify themselves when recording.
7. Tempo markings are recommended minimums.

*Submitted auditions that do not meet the audition requirements will not be adjudicated.*

There is a \$7 audition fee (per audition) for SDMEA members and a \$12 audition fee (per audition) for non-SDMEA members. Audition fees must accompany the audition form. The registration fee will then be the same for those students selected to either band and will be due at the time of the event.

Audition deadline is December 1, 2008. Auditions postmarked later than this date cannot be accepted. This will allow a prompt adjudication, with notification no later than January 15, 2009.