



South Dakota Music Educators Association
General Information Letter
2023 SDMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND
Huron High School - March 3rd & 4th, 2023

This year marks the 24th Annual South Dakota Music Educators Association Middle School All-State Band. SDMEA takes great pride in this event as a way to provide an opportunity for students who thrive on challenge and expertise.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students in grades 6-8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school band program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the band director or the student's private lesson instructor.
2. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of Middle School All-State Band. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts. **In most cases, no alternates will be placed for those students that are selected and choose not to attend the event.**

Audition Requirements

1. All auditions will be submitted online using Google Forms. A link and directions for uploading will be sent in an email to directors. Make sure the Event Chair (listed below) has your email address!
2. Each scale & etude will be uploaded *individually*, **in Mp3 format**, in the following order:
 - a. Winds: chromatic, major, minor, 6/8, 4/4 (5 recordings to upload)
 - b. Percussion: Major scale, minor scale, mallet etude, timpani etude, rudiment 1, rudiment 2, snare etude (7 recordings to upload)
3. The scales and etudes should be played as written, at the marked tempos.
4. Please do not have the students identify themselves when recording.
5. The individual scales and etudes must be recorded in one take. **Any evidence of editing will result in disqualification.** Directors are to be especially aware of this and make it clear to students if they do any of their recordings at home.

Audition Information

1. **Audition deadline is December 16th, 2022**
2. *The ability to upload audition material to the website will be unavailable after 11:59 PM CDT on December 16th, 2022. This will allow for a prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by January 16th, 2023 and on the SDMEA website soon after.*
3. There will be a fee to audition for MSASB. There is a lot of great discussion on what that should look like to make it easier for directors and their business office personnel. That information will be released soon!

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