

New Jersey Music Educators Association

2020 All State Orchestra

String Audition Instructions

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE BEGINNING THE ONLINE PROCESS!

DATE: Saturday, March 21, 2020 (*snow date is March 28*)

SITE: JP Stevens HS, 855 Grove Ave, Edison

FEE: \$20.00 per instrument

DEADLINE: Online registration closes Wednesday, **February 19, 2020** at midnight

MAILING DEADLINE: Signature forms and fees must be postmarked by Monday, **Feb. 24, 2020**

ON AUDITION DAY: Registration on audition day opens at 9AM and closes at 1PM. If you have not arrived by 1PM you may not be permitted to audition. Violins assigned times after 2:00 may report up to 2:00). Assigned audition times will be emailed to your director about one week prior to the audition date. Students are expected to be prepared to audition at the assigned times. If you are not present at that time, we will assume you are absent and you may not be permitted to audition later in the day. In the event of extenuating circumstances on the day of auditions you may email the chairman (Sue Mark) at njasoauditions@gmail.com or text to 609-364-6984

You must provide a photo ID in order to register, the same as if you were taking the SAT's.

Only string students who are eligible to audition for all the All-State Orchestra may apply. Eligibility is based on your acceptance and participation in your Region HS Orchestra or as determined otherwise by the Region Executive Board. Please consult your director or Region orchestra manager if you have any questions.

ENSEMBLE SELECTION: Students in grades 9,10, and 11 who were accepted into their regional orchestra are eligible for the NJ All-State Orchestra. Please check the dates below carefully as the All-State Orchestra performs next fall. Students accepted into the All-State Orchestras will be required to pay additional fees for participation and housing. Please check your calendar carefully before selecting the application link below.

ENSEMBLE SCHEDULES:

NJ ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Saturday, June 6 2-6:30pm
Sunday, September 13 1-5:30pm
Sunday, September 27 10am-5:30pm (that includes sectionals)
Wed.-Fri., November 4-6 in AC
Sunday, November 15 at NJPAC, 10:30 rehearsal, 3:00pm concert

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS consist of Scales, Solo and Sight Reading

Visit the state website at www.NJMEA.org for detailed information on scales and solo lists.

1. Scales - are to be memorized; four clicks of a metronome will be given for each scale, which is the specific required tempo. Students will be asked to play three scales, one of each type from the required list.
2. Solo - New solo requirements now list a specific publisher. Cadenzas are not required. All students will be asked to play the same section(s) of the solo piece. If a student chooses to use another publisher/edition, the student will not be excluded from the audition, but will be judged on notes and rhythms of the required edition.
3. Sight-reading – Sight-reading will be on material not previously reviewed by the student. All students will be asked to play the same section(s) of the sight-reading material.

Only original sheet music of the solos is permitted in the audition rooms and *students must use their own original*. If using a downloaded copy, a tag line must be present listing the vendor's name. A room copy will be on a music stand in the audition room but this is for moderator reference only. Student ***must*** use their own music. One will not be provided in the audition room.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All-State Orchestra members are expected to attend all rehearsals listed. A one-day absence for ASO from these rehearsals may be excused with permission of the manager *in advance* of the rehearsal, unless that is clearly impossible. An absence is defined as missing any part of a scheduled rehearsal. All activities scheduled for your ensemble must be attended as scheduled. There are no exceptions to this rule.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

All NJMEA All-State Orchestra applications must be completed online by using the link provided below. You must complete a separate online application and submit the corresponding signature page and fee for each instrument on which you are auditioning. The online submission deadline is **February 19th** and the postmark deadline for signature forms is **February 24th**.

1. Complete all fields completely and accurately, as this information will also be used for the concert program.
2. Once you have completed and submitted your online application, you will be directed to a signature page. ***YOU MUST PRINT THIS PAGE, as it contains endorsements needed to complete your application.*** Once printed, you and a parent/guardian must sign and date where indicated, then you must submit the entire form to your director along with your \$20.00 application fee. Your director will secure the remaining signatures and mail all signature forms from your school to the audition chair. ***DO NOT send forms or payment on your own – it MUST come from your director.***

3. You will also receive an automated e-mail confirmation that your application has been received. If you were unable to print your signature form at the time of application you may use the link enclosed in your confirmation email to access another form.

For questions, please have your director contact Sue Mark, Orchestra Auditions Chair at njasoauditions@gmail.com .

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO BEGIN YOUR ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA APPLICATION:

[ALL-STATE SENIOR HIGH ORCHESTRA Link:](#)

<https://form.jotform.com/200065160742141> * be sure to print the signature form after hitting the submit button

***** It is up to your director to complete the process: register online, get applications signed, send check (No personal checks from parents accepted) all before the deadline. Please complete your part in enough time for your director to do his/hers.*****