



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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TO: BAND, ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR DIRECTORS
FROM: TREVOR WILSON, COMMISSIONER
DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026
SUBJECT: ALL-STATE PERFORMING GROUPS

All the detailed information needed for the 2026 Wyoming All-State auditions is outlined below.

- 1. Press Release Notice*
- 2. General Audition Information*
- 3. Audition Dates and Sites*
- 4. Student Registration*

In addition, please download the following PDF documents, for your specific area of music:

- 1. 2026 Audition Information for Band, Orchestra, or Choir*
- 2. Instrument or Voice specific audition materials*

The Recording Site Handbook is also available on the WMEA website (www.wyomea.org).

The General Audition Information is excerpted from the Music Section of the WHSAA Handbook.

TO AVOID CONFUSION PLEASE READ THE 2026/27 WHSAA HANDBOOK ON OUR WEBSITE (www.whsaa.org). *The WMEA All-State Selection Procedures are outlined in this handbook along with all other district and statewide music events.*

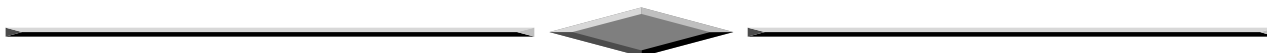


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SPECIAL NOTE

We are asking that the Music Directors help us by notifying their local news media of the All-State Concert and the names of the students who have been selected from their school. If your school has different directors for Band, Choir, and Orchestra, we suggest that you put one person in charge of the press release, which, if applicable, would include the names of all Band, Choir and Orchestra students from your school.



Below is a press release that you may use, as it is, or use as a guideline.

PRESS RELEASE

*Over 450 of Wyoming's best high school music students will meet in Cody on January 18-19, 2027, for the 2027 Wyoming All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir Clinic. Evanston High School will host all of the clinic rehearsals and concerts. The All-State Clinic is held in conjunction with the Wyoming Music Educators Association State Music Conference. The Wyoming High School Activities Association together with the Wyoming Music Educators Association sponsors this annual event. The All-State Gala Concert will be presented on Tuesday, January 19, 2027, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Evanston High School Auditorium. **Admission is \$5.00.***

Randall Standridge, will be the honored conductor for the All-State Band.

Dr. Chung Park, St. Olaf College, will be the honored conductor for the All-State Orchestra.

Dr. Mark Potvin, Luther College, will be the honored conductor for the All-State Choir.



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2026 ALL-STATE AUDITION INFORMATION, RECORDING SITES and REGISTRATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

*Schools should audition at the closest recording site **regardless of district**.*

Schools should contact the site chairperson to let them know of their intent to audition at the site and to find out when the auditions will be held at that site.

1. **To audition for All-State honor groups, students must:**

- be in grades 9-12 only.
- apply through the appropriate school music teacher.
- be enrolled in a school group corresponding to the All-State group for which they apply unless an appropriate group does not exist.
- be a member school of WHSAA (including home schools).
- be enrolled both at the time of application AND at the time of the All-State event.
- meet WHSAA eligibility requirements for state events.
- be chosen by live, recorded auditions.

2. **Audition Procedures and Instructions:**

- Audition applications and the materials will be available on the WMEA website on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. *BAND SCALE Pairings will be announced 10 days before the audition on Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 on the WMEA Website.

Each student must complete an online registration by Monday, October 28th.

<https://bandworld.org/Auditions/Audition.aspx?eID=308>

- Registration closes Monday, October 26th, 11:59:59 PM. **No registrations are accepted after the registration window closes.**
- Each school will receive an invoice from WMEA by October 28th.
- Checks or vouchers make payable to *WYOMING MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION*.
- Schools should make payment or provide proof of payment **in advance**, to WMEA, via the WMEA website. Payment or proof of payment must be made by November 5th.

Payment or proof of payment is made on the WMEA website prior to the audition process:

- a. Payments or proof of payment are made through <http://wyomea.org/programs-events/all-state-music/>
- b. Payment or proof of payment must be completed by November 5th.

- c. Fees must be paid by group or school (i.e. one payment for Rawlins Schools, or one payment for Sheridan Choir).
- d. Payment may be in the form of a school voucher, purchase order, money order, or credit card. Checks may be accepted in advance of the November 5th deadline. No cash or student checks.
- e. All registered applicant fees, including scratches, are paid in advance.

Selection:

- a. Vice Presidents will make selections for the All-State Honor Groups and provide a detailed list to WHSAA. Directors will receive an informational email of their students on December 1st. The WHSAA will release the official roster for the honor ensembles on December 2nd, via online posting at www.whsaa.org.
- b. Directors should submit the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM to WHSAA by December 15th. The form may be found on the wyomea.org website, All-State section, and will also be emailed to all participating schools via the music director.

3. Audition Site Specific Information

- a. Percussion students supply their own sticks and mallets, or their own instruments if they wish.
- b. Each student must supply their own wind instruments, audition material, and anything else needed for the audition. Metronomes are not allowed.
- c. All students must be recorded within the specified time span – any exceptions may be worked out with the site chairperson as long as the recording deadline is met.
- d. Recording may not be paused once the audition has started.
- e. It is the site chairperson's responsibility to disqualify any student or school who violates the integrity of the audition process; this includes any discussion of scales, sight-reading material, excerpts, etc.
- f. Directors may be in the audition room with their students as a silent observer. The director may record the audition to evaluate with the student at a later time.
- g. The tempo should be given for the sight-reading only. Students may not use their own metronome.

AUDITION DATES:

Auditions may occur anytime from November 6th through November 14th. (End of week 18 to the end of week 19 on the WHSAA calendar) The site chair, in conjunction with the schools auditioning at that site, will determine exact audition times.

Site Chairs may also provide an alternate date, during the audition window, for students with school activity related conflicts. Arrangements should be made in advance with the site chair.

Please refer to the WHSAA Handbook, pages 86 - 90, and the WMEA website (www.wyomea.org) for further information on the All-State Audition procedure.



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2065 All-State Auditions: RECORDING SITES

BIG PINEY	Chair:	Travis Swanson	(970) 208-7896
	Contact:	<i>cneale@sublette9.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Big Piney High School</i>	
CASPER	Chair:	Katrina Rooney	(307) 315-5453
	Contact:	<i>katrina_rooney@natronaschools.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Kelly Walsh High School</i>	
CHEYENNE	Chair:	Eric Sieger	(520) 400-4381
	Contact:	<i>eric.sieger@laramie1.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>East High School</i>	
CODY	Chair:	Wade French	(307) 250-8021
	Contact:	<i>wadefrench@park6.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Cody High School</i>	
GILLETTE	Chair:	Steve Schofield	(307) 670-1660
	Contact:	<i>sschofield@ccsd.k12.wy.us</i>	
	Location:	<i>Thunder Basin HS</i>	
GREEN RIVER	Chair:	Quinn Kalinski	(720) 243-3536
	Contact:	<i>quinn.kalinski@swcsd2.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Green River High School</i>	
LYMAN	Chair:	Jessie Willie	(307) 787-4100
	Contact:	<i>williej@uinta6.k12.wy.us</i>	
	Location:	<i>Lyman High School</i>	
RAWLINS	Chair:	Andrew Salzman	(307) 431-0012
	Contact:	<i>asalzman@crbl.net</i>	
	Location:	<i>Rawlins High School</i>	
LANDER	Chair:	Dr. Susan Volbrecht	(307) 332-3640
	Contact:	<i>svollbrecht@landerschools.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Lander Valley High School</i>	
SHERIDAN	Chair:	Ashley Lecholat	(307) 672-2495 x1114
	Contact:	<i>ashley.lecholat@scsd2.com</i>	
	Location:	<i>Sheridan High School</i>	

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STAR VALLEY	Chair:	Kurt Sand	(307) 885-7847
	Contact:	<i>ksand@lcsd2.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Star Valley High School</i>	
TORRINGTON	Chair:	Katy Fody	(307) 575-5026
	Contact:	<i>kfody@goshen1.org</i>	
	Location:	<i>Torrington High School</i>	
WORLAND	Chair:	Loren Lauridson	(307) 347-2412
	Contact:	<i>llauridson@washakie1.com</i>	
	Location:	<i>Worland High School</i>	