



All West Virginia students are encouraged to participate in All-State Ensembles. All-State eligibility requirements are as follows:

Eligibility:

If a school offers the music ensemble for which a student is applying, enrollment in that ensemble is required for All-State eligibility.

1. If the school does not offer the applicable music ensemble, eligibility may be considered only through approval by the All-State Chair and the WVMEA President via the All-State Alternative Eligibility Document that can be acquired by the respective all-state chair.
2. Applicants must participate in a similar ensemble for which they are applying (i.e., choral applicants in choral ensembles, instrumental applicants in instrumental ensembles). Exceptions may be made when there is no eligible ensemble within the student's district (e.g., no elementary choir, or orchestra for string players).
3. Applicants must be sponsored by their primary ensemble director/teacher, who must be a current member of WVMEA/NAfME.
4. All-State Ensemble members must be accompanied to the annual WVMEA In-Service by his/her sponsoring teacher, who must be registered to attend.
5. Students must be present and attend all rehearsals and activities associated with their respective all-state ensemble during the conference in order to be a member of the ensemble.
6. Eligibility is contingent upon adherence to the affiliate organization's registration deadlines.

Photo Release

Sponsors must share this with auditionees. Compliance is mandatory to be considered an all-state ensemble member. Parents and/or legal guardians of all students, both minor and of-age, who complete and pass the All State audition process must authorize the West Virginia Music Educators Association, hereafter referred to as WVMEA, to publish photographs, film and social media posts of minor child or children and their names and likenesses, for use in the WVMEA print, online and video-based marketing, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Beaver Media Productions, from liability for any claims by any parent or any third party in connection with the participation of the minor children, materials, as well as other WVMEA publications. Parents must release and hold harmless WVMEA from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for any participating minor child and children listed and associated with the images or video specified above.

Ramifications/ Sanctions

1. If any ineligible student is found participating in an All-State ensemble, he/she will be immediately removed. He/she will be declared ineligible to audition the next year even if he/she meets requirements. All-State application fees or participation fees will not be returned.
2. Should any WVMEA member sign an All-State application for an ineligible student, no applications signed by that WVMEA member will be accepted the next year.

Appeals and Exceptions

Any situation not explicitly covered in this policy (including, but not limited to, unique school structures, alternative ensemble placements, or participation in nontraditional instructional models) must be reviewed through a standardized WVMEA All-State Eligibility Appeal process.

Final determinations are made by the All-State Chairperson and WVMEA President (or designated committee).

Appeal documents can be obtained by contacting the respective all-state chair.