

**New Mexico Music Educators Association  
All-State Student Rehearsal Expectations**

- Do be prepared for every rehearsal, most importantly, THE FIRST REHEARSAL. Prepare your parts prior to the All-State Convention. Ask your teacher for help in preparing difficult or unusual passages.
- Do be punctual. Arrive 15 minutes prior to rehearsal and become focused. Rehearsals must begin on time.
- Do bring all of your supplies (folding music stand, music, pencil, mutes, extra reeds, etc.) to your seat with you at the beginning of each rehearsal.
- **Do turn off or set to silent your cell phone** and place it in a safe place (ie. case or purse). **Phones may not be on stands.** You may check for messages and missed calls during organized breaks.
- Do show respect for the conductor at all times. Your conductor is a recognized leader in the field of music education and performance. They deserve your respect and uninterrupted attention.
- Do remain quiet and attentive throughout the rehearsal. Listen carefully when the conductor is addressing your section and other sections. You all work together to create a polished performance. All parts are important and you need to know what to listen for when performing.
- Do mark your parts as the conductor directs.
- Do work with members of your section to improve performance. Share performance information (bowings, technical advice, alternate fingerings, breathing options, etc.) with each other. Many times, this can be done silently through modeling.
- Do respect your colleagues. All members of this ensemble experienced the same audition process. You are the best of the best!
- You are expected to be at all rehearsals, meetings, honor concerts, and the Saturday performance. Do make sure you will have no obligations that would require you to miss any part of rehearsal, honor concerts, or the Saturday performance. See the “All-State Commitment Form”.
- Water is permitted. Do feel free to bring water to rehearsal. Save food and all other drinks for outside of rehearsal.