



NMMEA All-State Student Code of Conduct, Commitment Form, Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

- Students must be eligible for participation at NMMEA All-State (“All-State”) according to their school’s policies and meet the eligibility requirements as stated in Section II. D. & E. in the “NMMEA Official Handbook”
- Students will prepare all assigned music prior to arriving.
o Note: Students will be evaluated for preparedness on Wednesday evening at chair auditions and/or sectionals. If a student arrives Wednesday unprepared on their music, the student might not be allowed to participate in All-State and may be sent home pursuant to the sole discretion of NMMEA directors and assigned staff.
- Students must bring their instrument & accessories, All-State Music, and a pencil to all rehearsals.
o Note: NMMEA will not provide instruments, except for various large percussion instruments. Percussionists (and their respective program directors) shall ensure all percussion instrument needs are met.
- All Students must be prompt and attend all rehearsals and all concerts in their entirety.
o By signing this form, Students commit to and are required to be at all rehearsals and the performance in Albuquerque from January 10-13, 2024 (Concert All-State) and/or January 19-21, 2024 (Jazz All-State) in Las Cruces. It is the responsibility of the student to plan ahead to make sure there are no obligations that would require the student to miss any part of rehearsals or the concert. Should any conflict arise which prevents a student from attending any part of a rehearsal or a performance (e.g., athletic event, ACT/SAT test, family obligation, illness) the student will lose their membership in All-State and will not be allowed to participate in any rehearsal or performance, nor will they receive an All-State patch. Failure to fully participate may result in disqualification from future festivals pending NMMEA Executive Committee approval (exceptions for future participation will be considered for illness or family emergency on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the NMMEA Executive Committee).
- Students are to immediately report any accidents, injuries, and/or illnesses to the ensemble co-chair.
- As representatives of their school, Students will uphold the highest standards of conduct. Students will cooperate fully with conductors, co-chairs, directors, and any other NMMEA officials.
- Use of cell phones, tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices by students during rehearsals and performances is prohibited, unless authorized by the co-chair or conductor.
- Pranks or vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated. Students and their Parents/Legal Guardians will assume full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the student.
- Use, possession, or acquisition of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or illegal drugs is prohibited at any time during participation. Any violation of this rule will be reported to the school director and result in immediate dismissal.
- Students must dress appropriately (always following their school’s dress code) and wear the official NMMEA identification badge so that it is visible at all times.
- Students must wear their school ensemble uniform for the performance. If the student’s school does not have a uniform, then the student will wear a black, long sleeve shirt (no t-shirts) and black, long pants. A modest black dress is also permissible.

The student and their Parents/Legal Guardians acknowledge that no scores or comments from the audition will be released to anyone including the student and or parent.

The Student and their Parents/Legal Guardians give permission for a professional photographer/videographer to photograph and record the Student for NMMEA noncommercial use in print or electronic media and agree to waive and forego any and all rights or interest in and to any such audio or video recordings, photographs, or other depictions of the student and his or her practices or performances.

We, the undersigned, have read this official NMMEA All-State Student Code of Conduct and Commitment Form, agree to its contents, and agree to support its enforcement. The student has permission to participate and we will not hold NMMEA officers, directors, employees, or volunteer officials responsible for injuries that may be sustained, damage to property, or lost property related to this event. We understand we are financially responsible for any damages that the student may cause during the event. If a violation of the Code of Conduct and Commitment Form occurs, the student’s director/teacher will be notified, and we will be responsible to provide the student’s immediate transportation home.

We understand that NMMEA has sole discretion to make all decisions including, but not limited to, decisions regarding disciplinary matters and the final approval of Students selected to perform. It is expressly understood by Students, Parents, and their respective program directors that any infraction of the above rules on attendance and/or for conduct unbecoming for an All-State musician may constitute grounds for dismissal from All-State activities.

Acknowledgment. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that my student’s participation in NMMEA activities may expose me, my student, and/or any other member of my family to COVID-19. I further acknowledge that such exposure, or infection with COVID-19, may result in bodily injury, including serious illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while at NMMEA events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, NMMEA employees, agents, and representatives, volunteers, program participants and their families and/or any other individual who may attend any NMMEA activity.

Assumption of Risk. I voluntarily agree to assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, bodily injury, illness, disability, and death), damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind (“Claims”), that I, my student, my family members, heirs, executors, and assigns may experience or incur in connection with any attendance at and/or participation in NMMEA programs, events, or activities.

Release and Indemnification. On my behalf, and on behalf of my student, family members, heirs, executors, and assigns, I agree to advance no Claims and I hereby release, waive, discharge, and agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NMMEA, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of NMMEA, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any NMMEA program, event, or activity.

Participation Requirements. I agree that I, my student, and any member of my family will act in conformance with all safety and sanitation requirements, as well as all social distancing and mask requests, while attending or participating in a NMMEA event or activity. I understand that if I, my student, or my family fail to follow these regulations and requests, the ability of my student to participate may be suspended, revoked, or otherwise negatively impacted.

School _____

Student Name (Print) _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Director Signature _____

Parent Signature _____