
MMEA (MN) All-State Rules and Regulations

Students participating in the All-State program are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. Any student failing to do so will face disciplinary action which may include loss of membership in the group.

All expectations apply to both the summer and February All-State experience unless specifically stated otherwise.

Student Expectations

1. Students must prepare the assigned literature and fully participate in rehearsals, regardless of the part assigned.
2. Students must attend and be on time for all rehearsals, sectionals, and camp activities. If you are tardy or miss a rehearsal, sectional, or camp activity for any reason, you must report to your section coach or the MMEA Vice-President.
3. Students must treat each other, All-State and campus staff with respect. Specifically, students must adhere to policies established by the MSHSL regarding sexual, racial and religious harassment, and violence. MMEA extends this expectation to color, creed, national origin, immigrant status, disability, poverty or socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, family status, and military family status. Expectations apply equally in person, in groups and online. Cyber-bullying is specifically prohibited. Areas or characteristics not specifically mentioned will be governed by the intent of this expectation.
4. Students must adhere to the eligibility requirements regarding chemical use, as stated in bylaw 205 of the MSHSL Fine Arts Rules and Policies Manual:
“At any time during the calendar year, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity” use or consume, possess, buy, sell or give away alcohol, tobacco, controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, products containing or devices to deliver nicotine, e-cigarettes and similar devices, or any other item listed in [Bylaw 205](#).
5. Students may not share any medication - prescription, over the counter, or other - with any other student.
6. Students must remain eligible for participation in All-State through being a member in good standing of the secondary schools’ corresponding ensemble.
7. Students and parents or guardians must complete all requested forms and make timely payments.
8. [Instrumental groups only] Students must return all music at the end of All-State as directed by the Vice President. Electronic or physical copies may be used only to prepare for and participate in All-State, and may not be shared with any other person.

Student Attendance Policy

1. It is the policy of MMEA that students will not be excused from attendance at All-State rehearsals, concerts, or other activities for any reason. This commitment includes both the summer camp and February rehearsals and performance. Exceptions to this rule are rare and will be made only in emergency situations.
2. MMEA does allow students to miss a portion of the February rehearsals only for State Tournaments and activities. Section, sub-section and regional games or competitions are not state-level activities. Contact the MMEA office with any questions.
3. All students will be housed in dormitories on campus during the summer camp. Students are expected to remain on campus throughout the duration of the camp unless permission is obtained from the MMEA Vice President or his or her designee. Students will be responsible for their own housing during the February events. It is recommended that students stay with other All-State students, relatives, or friends in the metro area. They may also secure a room at the Clinic hotel in Minneapolis at their own expense, as long as an adult checks in with student and stays in the room, per City of Minneapolis regulation.

Camp Housing Expectations:

1. Students must sleep in the room to which they were assigned. Students found outside of their assigned room after lights out may be sent home.
2. All students are expected to follow camp rules as to room curfew and time for lights out (quiet hours).
3. Outside of move-in and move-out time, the only individuals that may be present in a dorm room are those students assigned to the room, MMEA section coaches, Vice Presidents, and college dorm counselors. Students may visit other campers in common areas in the dorm and on campus.

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4. You will receive a room key at check in. Students must turn in the key at checkout time. Students will be charged for lost keys as determined by the college campus (often \$50 or more).
5. Students are responsible for keeping their room neat and orderly. You are guests of the college/university, and are expected to respect the buildings and furniture as you would your own. Students are responsible for the cost of any damages.
6. If you drive a car to camp, you must turn your car keys in at registration. The keys will be returned to you at check out.
7. When you leave the residence hall at the end of All-State camp, check to be sure you have taken all of your belongings with you. You must leave your room in good order. You should plan to be out of your room by the time noted on the detailed summer camp schedule.

Eligibility Requirements

1. All-State exists to support secondary school music ensembles, MMEA members, and our members' students. Because of this, MMEA requires a student to be a member in good standing of the secondary school's corresponding ensemble from the time of the audition through the following February. The full policy is available at www.mmea.org/students/allstate/policies.
2. All-State is sponsored by the MMEA as a service to its members and their students. Participation is limited to those students whose sponsoring teacher is a current member in good standing of MMEA and NAFME at the time of the audition and continues to be a member during the rehearsal and performance period.

Additional items:

1. Dorm/Evening counselors will be on duty to help in any way possible from 9:30 pm to 8:30 am. MMEA staff will be available throughout the day and overnight if necessary. Contact information will be provided at the All-State camp opening meeting.
2. If you get hurt or don't feel well, tell your dorm/evening counselor, your section coach and/or the MMEA Vice President immediately.
3. Students who find it necessary to withdraw their membership from All-State must notify the MMEA office in writing no later than June 30th prior to camp in order to receive a refund of the camp fee minus a \$75.00 service charge. Refunds after that date will be pro-rated and considered on an individual basis, providing a suitable replacement can be secured.

Violations of any of the above rules will be brought to the attention of the MMEA Vice President. Where the situation warrants, a report of the violation will be sent to parents and school directors. Those that violate any of the preceding rules may be sent home and would no longer be eligible to participate in further All-State activities. Any other actions, including those not specifically cited, which are detrimental to the camp experience may result in expulsion from All-State. In all cases, the final decision rests with MMEA officials. MMEA retains the sole right to interpret these rules and regulations.

Questions about these rules may be referred to Minnesota Music Educators Association at info@mmea.org.