

Hello from All-State Band,

We hope your year is going well, and your students are excited to audition for the Colorado All-State Bands.

This is the ONLY long email you will receive from us. The bulk of our communication is done through the All-State Band website (<https://www.coloradoallstateband.com>), and it is your responsibility to check the directors page for information/updates. We will send an email when there is something very important posted so you know to check, but for the most part, you need to check there for the latest information. To that end – if you haven't checked, there were minor changes to the trombone and percussion auditions posted, and a change to the audition due date (now Friday, November 22 – 5:00pm). Be sure to check those out.

Our biggest ask - please know your role: YOU are the person that gets all information to your students and makes sure their things are done correctly and returned to us. We post on the website, but when a form is due, music is available, etc. YOU are the one to get that information to your students. In the past we have heard from some students that they didn't know about something important – please don't leave them in the dark – pass on all information in a timely manner.

The audition platform opens for All-State Band auditions on NOVEMBER 1 (and closes at 5:00pm on November 22). You can find the platform at <https://casb.virtualaudition.cloud>. The only change to the process from last year, is all auditions are to be VIDEO. As a reminder:

1. You MUST be a member of CBA to complete the school/director registration.
  - a. If you have/are a second/assistant band director at the school, you MUST be a member of CBA IF you want/want them to participate with the process/event (receive our information, attend the event, listed in the program, etc.).
2. You must complete school/director registration BEFORE students can complete their registration.
  - a. If you have any questions about the school size, check the CHSAA enrollment numbers that we use to confirm student eligibility. The website is: <https://chsaanow.com/sports/2021/7/30/enrollment-numbers-2022-24.aspx>
3. Students use the same audition platform link to complete their individual registration, which must be done BEFORE you can upload their audition videos.
4. The SCHOOL pays all student audition fees (not the student). If you have the students pay – they should pay the school, and you make the student payment on the CBA Web-site (you can pay for multiple students at once).

5. AFTER the school/director registration is complete, AND the student registration is complete, AND the audition payment has been made to CBA, you will upload the VIDEO audition to the platform.
  - a. Remember – ALL auditions are video this year. When it’s time to upload, our recommendation is to do them as you get them (rather than waiting and doing them all at once) and plan at least double the amount of time you think it will take – if you end up with extra time when done, enjoy a cold beverage! (Much better than sweating if things will get done at the last minute).
  - b. Instructions on how to complete the audition video was posted on the website on October 1. You should review these instructions and make sure your students understand the process so their audition is complete, and correct so it will be adjudicated accurately.

Audition results will be posted to the website prior to January 1, 2025. Directors will receive information for their students who make the ensemble as a member or alternate early in January. FYI: Participation payments for students selected to the group have three different rates/deadlines:

EARLY BIRD Registration is \$50.00 if completed prior to January 31

REGULAR Registration is \$55.00 if completed prior to March 28

LATE Registration is \$75.00 and must be paid by check or cash (no credit cards) at the registration table on Thursday, April 3

We were unable to secure rooming blocks at the Double Tree Hotel this year as they have another event going on the same time. Once you know which students are selected, we encourage you to find rooming in Greeley AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. There still may be rooms at the Double Tree, but they do not have any “reserved” for All-State this year (sorry – we’re not happy about this).

Finally, as a reminder – students DO NOT receive any feedback from All-State on their audition. We firmly believe this SHOULD be a learning opportunity for students – so our recommendations include:

1. When a student turns in their recording, schedule a time with them to watch it WITH THEM – you will be able to give them feedback on their performance, AND make sure that they have the audition completed correctly before you upload it (Remember – if an audition doesn’t play, is incomplete, or contains the wrong excerpts, scales, etc. the audition score is adversely impacted – help them out by making sure the video meets our requirements).
2. Don’t have time to watch it with them or looking for someone beside you to give the evaluation? Send the video to another source for evaluation. Email the video to a local private teacher, trusted colleague, symphony player, College/University teacher etc. This is a great option to receive an external evaluation (but won’t necessarily guarantee all the scales/excerpts are correct – UNLESS you also send them a copy of the audition requirements).

Don't hesitate to reach out to either Casey ([coloradoallstateband@gmail.com](mailto:coloradoallstateband@gmail.com)) or Scott ([sschlup@psdschools.org](mailto:sschlup@psdschools.org)) if you have any questions you can't find answered on the website, and best of luck to your students!

Casey and Scott