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Student Membership Information

Congratulations!!!!

You have been selected to the 2025 Colorado All-State Band on April 3-5, 2025! We are so pleased for you to represent yourselves and your fine high school band programs at this event!

We have two nationally and internationally known and respected clinician/educators that will be working with the All-State Bands! Our Symphonic Band will have the privilege of working with Dr. Allan McMurray, Director of Bands Emeritus at the University of Colorado (Boulder). We also have the pleasure of having the Director of Bands, Dr. Richard Strauch, from Whitworth University as the clinician for our Concert Band.

We have a great deal of information that is available to you on the members page on the Website (coloradoallstateband.com). From the main navigation, click on Personnel – then at the top of the personnel page, you'll see a "Members Area" link. You need a password (ASBand2025) to enter this section of the website. In this area you will find links to your music, reference recordings, information to check your name spelling for the program, information on re-auditions (for chairs)/required music preparation checks and information on ordering a commemorative All-State T-Shirt.

Your directors are your primary source for information and instructions. Check with them often to know exactly what your school will be doing at All-State. Deadlines are important with All-State Band, so make sure BOTH you and your directors are meeting the required deadlines.

There is a Parents Information page on the website, so take a moment and let your parents know where they can get their information. Parents will need to order tickets to watch the concert. You will receive a complementary ticket in your packet for you to watch the other band, so they should not purchase a ticket for you.

It is every school or selected All-State family's responsibility to secure their own housing arrangements. We highly recommend talking with your band director to see if they will be making hotel arrangements for you, or if that responsibility will be given to your parents. A list of Greeley hotels is available on both the directors page and the parents page of the website.

All students will complete a re-audition/preparation check for chairs within the bands. As soon as you receive your music, you should begin your work on it. These re-auditions will be due no later than 5:00pm on February 23. You will complete your recording (audio only) and send it to your director and they will upload it for you. We will announce exactly WHAT you need to record and HOW it needs to be recorded on Friday, February 14 – so there will not be a lot of time between the announcement and due date – This is why you should start your preparation as soon as possible, and PLAN a time that you will complete your recording (the end of February can get very busy).

All students MUST have a completed registration form on file. Your band director will distribute these to you, collect them, and submit them on your behalf. These are due by February 14.

There are links to reference recordings in the members section of the website. You are highly encouraged to study these recordings to help you with tempos, style, and how your part fits in the ensemble. When you complete your re-auditions, we are expecting that they will be performed at the correct tempos, and in the proper style – this is learned through active listening to the reference recordings.

Every member of the Colorado All-State Band may purchase (not required) a commemorative All-State Band shirt to show off your accomplishment. Information is available on both the members page and parents information page. Shirts are available PRE-ORDER ONLY, and must be ordered no later than February 7.

It is vital that you and your director evaluate your schedule to attend this amazing weekend of music making! If you find that you are unable to participate in the entire weekend, Thursday afternoon, April 3rd through the late afternoon Saturday April 5th, you will need to send a message to <u>coloradoallstateband@gmail.com</u> so that we may invite an alternate selected in your section to take your place. THIS MUST BE DONE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17TH!!!

Please send any questions or correspondence that you might have through your band director. As the coordinators of the Colorado All-State Band through the Colorado Bandmasters Association, it is our policy to communicate to our selected instrumentalists through your band director.

Once again, Congratulations and we look forward to seeing and hearing you in April!!

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