

All State Basic Info

All State Band is an audition based, high school ensemble. This group performs at the Michigan Music Conference – a very well attended conference for band directors, composers, music professors, college musicians, etc. Many classes, concerts, information sessions and all things music take place this weekend. The All State Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band performances are always one of the highlights.

The members of this group are the top instrumentalists in the state of Michigan. Think *really* advanced, super-fast paced honors band. The audition music is rigorous and the musicians auditioning are very talented and competitive. Those who make it in to the ensemble have a unique opportunity to perform with incredible musicians and learn from very talented directors.

Interested? Please do the following:

1. Check to make sure you are available on the audition dates as well as the performance dates. There is no flexibility – you must attend the audition and the rehearsals as well as the performance.
2. Look at the scales and note that they must be performed from memory.
3. Look at the required performing excerpt. If you do not have the books or have access to the excerpt, please see me.
4. Note that there will also be a sight reading portion
5. Think – Do I have time to prepare for the audition and give it my best?
Am I willing and able to practice the music if I make the ensemble?

Over the years, we have had several students from Owosso make All State Band and All State Jazz Ensemble. Though it is not easy to earn a spot, it is certainly an amazing and rewarding experience. If you feel that you are someone who might be able to “make a run” for one of the All State Band spots, please see me. I will make sure that you have the appropriate materials to practice. I will also ask you complete the All State Audition Worksheet and return it to me ASAP. The registration fee to audition is covered by OHS as long as you attend the audition. If you are registered but do not attend, you must cover the registration fee.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or if we can assist in any way.

Best of luck!