



2024 PMEA All-State Festival Information

*****Please READ this entire document carefully*****

**FEES/INVOICE and PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**

**PERFORMING ENSEMBLE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM DUE
BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024**

REGISTRATION FEES/INVOICE FORM DIRECTIONS:

- ❖ A fee of **\$399.00** per student includes lodging and meals during the Festival, music and all festival expenses.
- ❖ **Checks (NO purchase orders)** are to be made payable to: **PMEA**. Mail to: PMEA, All-State, 56 S. Third St., Hamburg, PA 19526. *If multiple student registrations are being covered by one check please include a completed invoice for EACH student to be covered by the payment.
- ❖ The Registration Fee may also be paid with a credit card (all major cards accepted), however the payment will incur a \$10 convenience fee per registration (\$409 per **student**).
- ❖ **Deadline** to cancel and receive a refund is **Monday, April 8, 2024**.

ALL-STATE PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM (included in All-State Folder)

- ❖ <https://www.pmea.net/pmeaall-stateinformation/> then 2024 PMEA All-State Ensemble Rosters and Links - click on Ensemble Information.
- ❖ Forms are ensemble specific and must be mailed in the envelope provided in the student folder by **Wednesday, April 10** to All-State Coordinator Mary Lynne Peters. (May be also be emailed as a **PDF ONLY** to allstate@pmea.net; other formats will **NOT** be accepted.)

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION RECORD FORMS:

- ❖ If your child needs to be given medication during the PMEA Festival, a separate Medication Administration Record form for **EACH** medication to be administered (including over the counter medications) must be completed including the Licensed Prescriber's Signature.
- ❖ **PMEA Medical Administration Record For is located on your specific Ensemble Page.**
- ❖ The length of the PMEA All-State Festival begins at registration and ends at the conclusion of the student's ensemble concert performance.
- ❖ **Please take into consideration morning (breakfast) and evening (bedtime) medications in submitting the Medical Administration Record Form as the All-State Festival includes OVERNIGHT stays.**
- ❖ PMEA will accept a copy of the Medical Administration Form currently on file with your school district for medications taken **during the school day** including Action Plans (as long as consent has been given for the form to be used). A copy of the school's Med. Admin. Form should be attached to the PMEA Medical Admin. Form with the student information and parent signature.
- ❖ Medications in their **original package AND the completed Medical Administration Form** for **EACH** including **"over the counter medications"** such as Ibuprofen, Antacids, etc. must be placed in a Ziploc baggie with the student's full name and ensemble marked in Sharpie. **Nurses will be on site to collect and review medication orders at each Hotel Site for EACH Ensemble. (Registration- Wednesday, April 17).**
- ❖ Students requiring asthma inhalers and Epi-Pens are permitted to keep them in their possession at all times but must provide the signed Med. Admin. Form to the Nurse at the Registration Table.
- ❖ **ALL medication must be administered by the PMEA Festival Nurse, regardless of the student's age, Section 504 or Transition Plan.**

REGISTRATION/LODGING (Director/Student Registration)

- ❖ **PMEA is NOT providing DINNER on the ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION day except for the Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella Ensembles as their rehearsals begin on Wednesday evening, April 17.**
- ❖ **Student Lodging is at the following Hotels in the Erie Area :**
Jazz - Contemporary A Cappella - Wind Ensemble / Holiday Inn Express - 8101 Peach St.
Chorus / Courtyard by Marriott Ambassador- 7792 Peach St.
Orchestra / Hilton Garden Inn - 2225 Downs Drive
Concert Band/ Springhill Suites- 2087 Interchange Rd.
- ❖ **NOTES-** Chorus and Orchestra students are lodged side by side (Downs Drive), Wind Ensemble/Jazz/Contemporary A Cappella Ensembles are lodged together and the Hotel (Holiday Inn Express) is up on Peach Street app. ½ mile up from the Chorus/ Orchestra Hotels. The Concert Band Hotel is located near the Millcreek Mall (across the street). ALL Hotels have easy access to many Restaurants (fast food and sit down).
- ❖ If the student wishes to not use the provided Hotel Lodging, a HOUSING WAIVER FORM must be completed with the proper signatures and approval. Housing Waiver Forms are located on the Ensemble specific page and are due BY Wednesday, April 3, 2024. * Please note, that at NO time during the event are students permitted to drive.

Directors will register their students as follows on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- **3:00 pm - 4:00 pm-** Hotel and Student Registration for Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella Ensembles **ONLY**.
- **5:30 pm - 8:00 pm-** Hotel and Student Registration for Chorus, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band. DINNER will **NOT** be provided. **Once the Director has registered their student(s), the students are NOT permitted to leave the hotel facility.**
- Only students needing to check-in with the Nurse and provide their medications/med admin forms should only accompany their director(s) directly inside to the hotel registration.
- Student Lodging **Check Out** for Jazz & Contemporary A Cappella is Friday, April 19. Check out for Chorus, Concert Band, Orchestra & Wind Ensemble is Saturday, April 20. PMEA is NOT responsible for students and their lodging after their respective Concerts.

PMEA ALL-STATE REHEARSAL SITES/ Hosts

- ❖ **Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella-** Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy
2825 State St. Erie / Ms. Amy Federowicz and Mrs. Susan Huster
- ❖ **Chorus-**Courtyard by Marriott Erie Ambassador Conference Center 7792 Peach St. Erie
/Ms. Molly Moyer
- ❖ **Concert Band-** Fairview High School 7466 McCray Rd. Fairview / Mr. Chad Mummert and Mrs.
Laurie Hitt
- ❖ **Wind Ensemble-** Harborcreek SHS 6375 Buffalo Rd. Harborcreek/ Mr. Russ Waha
- ❖ **Orchestra-** McDowell High School 3580 W. 38th St. Erie / Mr. Logan Carnes and Mr. Brent
Johnson

PMEA DIRECTOR ALL- STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (<https://www.pmea.net/> Scroll to Conferences and Events and then click on Annual In-Service Conference)

- ❖ Directors may also register for the 2024 PMEA All-State Conference beginning Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. (1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, PA 16507).

PMEA ALL-STATE STUDENT DETAILED INFORMATION/ FAQ's

- ❖ Students, Parents and Directors may access the PMEA All-State Information website without a log-in at <https://www.pmea.net/pmeaall-stateinformation/>
- ❖ A QR Code has also been provided in each All-State Music Folder which takes you directly to the specific Ensemble web page.
- ❖ EACH Ensemble's web page contains Conductor Notes, Listening Links, Take Note podcasts with the Ensemble Conductor, Concert Ticket Information, Schedules, Vendor Merchandise to purchase (Pepwear, MARK Custom Recording and Identity Studios) AND FORMS (Invoice, Principal Acknowledgement Form (Ensemble specific), Housing Waiver, Med. Admin. Forms)

STUDENT FOOD/ SNACKS/HOTEL FACILITY

- ❖ Snack/Beverages at most of the Hotel facilities will NOT accept a CASH Payment. You must have a credit/debit card. Apple Pay and Google Wallet are also not accepted at this time.
- ❖ Students are highly encouraged to bring their own food and snacks. (There is a mini-fridge and microwave in EVERY room at each of the hotels.
- ❖ Although there are indoor pools at the hotels, students are **NOT** permitted to use the **Pool Facilities** as there are no lifeguards and as per Hotel Policy, students must be accompanied by an adult to the Pool Area.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

- ❖ Those who have indicated their **Special Dietary Needs**- The information has been sent to the food service department at the host schools, hotels and concert facility. **If PMEA can not accommodate your specific special dietary needs or you are more comfortable with providing your own food that's acceptable.** All Food for the host schools MUST be packaged in sealed containers, ziplock bags AND labeled with the student name and All-State Ensemble. Host schools have refrigeration and microwaves available AND there is a mini-fridge and microwave in EVERY room at each of the Hotels.

STUDENT DRESS CODES:

- ❖ **REHEARSALS** - School Clothes which are appropriate! Layers are encouraged. **Remember what you are permitted to wear at your school, may NOT be approved at the Host School Rehearsal Site** including sweat pants, ripped jeans, pajamas, tank tops, muscle shirts, etc.) Hats are not to be worn during rehearsals.

CONCERT

- ❖ **Jazz** : Participants should wear formal black including suits and ties, dress pants) No athletic footwear is permitted.
- ❖ **Contemporary A Cappella** : Look for an update on your Ensemble Page and an email to your Directors.
- ❖ **Concert Band/Wind Ensemble**: School Marching or Concert Band Uniform or Concert Black is acceptable. No Drum Major, Band Front or Color Guard uniforms are acceptable. No athletic footwear is permitted.
- ❖ **Orchestra**: Participants should wear Concert Black (suits and ties, dress pants, dresses of appropriate length with shoulders covered). No athletic footwear is permitted.
- ❖ **Chorus**: Must wear Choir Robes. Should your school not have Choir Robes, please ask to borrow from a local church, neighboring school district or college. Choir please note: blue jeans and sweatshirts are **not** acceptable under your robes. No athletic footwear is permitted. Please dress professionally.

SEATING PLACEMENT

- ❖ All-State Ensemble Seating placement for Chorus, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will be announced Wednesday evening, April 17 at 8:30 pm at each of the Ensemble Hotels. Seniors or those who do not wish to receive a ranking for the All-State Ensemble will be seated last in the Ensemble.
- ❖ Solo Opportunities exist in the Chorus, Concert Band, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. Only students who have completed the Audition for Ensemble Seating Placement will be eligible to apply/ receive a SOLO. Solo Opportunities within the Jazz Ensemble have been determined and for the Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble, students have received information via their Director regarding Solo Opportunities.
- ❖ Seating placement is based on the results of the seating auditions, held via Submittable during the designated window for each ensemble. The audition excerpts will be revealed when the audition window opens and have been selected from each ensemble's All-State Folder. The auditions will be reviewed by PMEA Music Directors across the state. Each Ensemble will have the same time length in which to prepare and submit their auditions via SUBMITTABLE.

MUSIC/ MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ **ALL MUSIC** will be collected at the conclusion of each concert. Students will be financially responsible (\$50) for ANY music not returned (**Xerox copies included**) OR defaced with inappropriate language or drawing. Any markings **MUST** be made in pencil.
- ❖ Students may stay to watch the 2nd half of **their** concert if there is space available in the audience; however, **Tickets are required for all additional concerts.**
- ❖ ALL permissions to copy music have been granted or are in the rights of the Public Domain.
- ❖ All part substitutions and part assignments are marked clearly on individual pieces of music and based on the Conductor's recommendation and instrumental parts in the music.
- ❖ **String Bases** please bring your chairs/ stools and have them clearly marked with your name and school.

REMEMBER, THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THEIR HOSTS AND PMEA!!!