

2026 PMEA All-State Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble Audition Instructions

Time Frame- Wednesday 11/12/25- Tuesday at NOON 1/6/2026

1. Directors who wish to have their students (grades 10-12 only) considered for selection should: Complete the application form with payment (**\$20.00**) online at www.pmea.net, scroll to “Conferences and Events” and then click on “PMEA All-State Information”. The Director must be a current PMEA member. ***All student applicants must upload a headshot photo - (ABOVE the SHOULDERS) labeled LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (i.e. Smith, John)***
2. The Audition selections must be submitted online at the PMEA Website listed above. The audition selections must be recorded from start to finish without cuts and/or splices. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS on how to submit EACH SELECTION are listed BELOW as well as on the Application. ***ARMS, FINGERS and HEAD must be visible when submitting the application for recording. NO EAR BUDS or HEADPHONES are permitted to be used in the recording.*** To obtain the best audio quality, a good microphone as well as high-end computers or digital recording devices for the recording equipment are suggested. * **NEW- A VIDEO outlining “how to make a better recording online for submission” is available on the PMEA website. Please take the time to review the recording instructions.**
3. No identifying clothing may be worn (i.e. no school t-shirts, no name identification, no PMEA, NAFME All Eastern or National shirts).). ***Additionally, please do NOT include any identifying information in the video file name or in the contents of the recording.***
4. The “Window of Opportunity” to record begins **Wednesday 11/12/2025** and ends at **NOON, Tuesday 1/6/2026. Once completed, a confirmation email will be sent to the address used to register.** Please check your SPAM filters for any communications and also check with your IT Administrator if a school email address is used and no email is received.
5. The director is asked to view the file and verify the recorded audition is consistent with the student’s level of performance.
6. Although PMEA checks to ensure the videos play in the correct format and the file can be opened- PMEA is **NOT** responsible for the content repertoire of the video. ***Please follow the repertoire and file labeling instructions.***
7. Students submitting an audition for Featured Bass or Vocal Percussion may also submit a second audition for another voice part.(Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone) However, a separate payment and application is required for each submission. **All requirements for EACH voice part must be met and sent on a separate upload video.**
8. Results of the 2026 PMEA All-State Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble will be posted on **Friday, 1/30/2026** via the PMEA Website- www.pmea.net.
9. If selected for the 2026 PMEA All-State Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble, the student will no longer be eligible for any of the other All-State Ensembles.