



2025 WMEA Junior All-State

Honor Groups – Accepted Students Information Packet



Teachers: Please distribute to each WMEA Junior All-State student.

Congratulations! Your outstanding audition has earned you a spot in one of the WMEA Junior All-State Honor Groups in Spokane! As a member of one of these select groups, you must take several steps to secure your spot. Please carefully review this information with your family and teacher, paying particular attention to the registration and fee payment deadlines.

Registration and Payment of Fees

Carefully complete your registration form, obtain all required signatures, and return it to your school music teacher immediately.

The registration fee is **\$140.**

Many schools assist students with the cost of participation. ASBs, booster clubs, or other local organizations may be willing to help you. If you applied for a scholarship from the *Young Musicians Excelling* fund, that scholarship has been applied, and your teacher will tell you how much remains to be paid.

All fees must be paid in one of the following ways:

1. Processed through your school or district by Check, Purchase Order, or purchasing card;
2. Paid by credit card through a link your teacher can send to your parents/guardians.

If you are expected to fund *part* of your participation expense personally, you must pay the school, which will then pay WMEA. WMEA will not accept partial or split payments.

Registration and payment must be postmarked by December 6. Late registrations will be charged an additional \$10 per student.

If a student has to withdraw after payment of registration fees, a progressive refund policy is in place: \$90 if withdrawn between December 1 and 31; \$50 if withdrawn between January 1 and 31.

No refunds will be given after February 1.

Music

The music you are to play will be mailed to your school music teacher beginning in the first week of January. If you register and pay your fee by November 18, we will mail music starting December 16, hopefully reaching you before you depart for winter break. Note: We will not mail music until all registrations are received and all fees are paid by your school.

Once your music has arrived, label all loose pages in pencil with your name and school. Contact your school music teacher immediately if you believe you have received the wrong music or parts.

Once you receive your music, your job is to **practice!** You will have one day of rehearsal before the performance, so you must know your part well by the time you arrive in mid-February.

Groups

You have been placed in one of the following groups. Your registration form, which your teacher will provide you with this packet, lists the ensemble you have been placed in at the top.

Junior All-State Baker Band
Junior All-State Rainier Band
Junior All-State Adams Orchestra
Junior All-State St. Helens Orchestra

Junior All-State Treble Choir
Junior All-State Mixed Choir
Junior All-State Jazz Band
Junior All-State Youth Choir

Contact Information

If a problem arises before the weekend of our event, our management team is ready to assist.

Todd Giltner, All-State General Manager, allstate@wmea.org

Anita Kumar, Student Events Coordinator, studentevents@wmea.org

Lisa Ray, Junior All-State Baker Band Manager, rayl@monroe.wednet.edu

Eric Peterson, Junior All-State Rainier Band Manager, EPeterson@lwsd.org

Melinda Wharton, Junior All-State Adams Orchestra Manager, mwharton@auburn.wednet.edu

Jordan Goldstein, Junior All-State St. Helens Orchestra Manager, jgoldstein@bethelsd.org

Kaleb Burris, Junior All-State Mixed Choir Manager, burrikb@puyallupsd.org

Julie Landes, Junior All-State Treble Choir Manager, jlandes@bethelsd.org

Nathan Sackman, Junior All-State Jazz Band Manager, sackman07@gmail.com

Katie Olson, Junior All-State Youth Choir Manager, kolson@bethelsd.org

If you need to reach someone **on the day of the event**, phone **Mr. Giltner** at **253-569-6780**

In Spokane – Arrival and Check-in

Students will report to their rehearsal site on the morning of Sunday, February 16 (Jazz Band on Friday, February 14.) Rehearsal and performance sites and schedules are listed below.

Most take place in and around the **Spokane Convention Center (which includes the First Interstate Center for the Arts, or FICA):** [334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201](#)

Choir rehearsals take place in the **Davenport Grand Hotel:** [333 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201](#)

(across the street from the Convention Center) or the

Centennial Hotel: [303 W. North River Dr., Spokane, WA, 99201](#)

Students' parents and teachers are responsible for arranging transportation to and from Spokane.

Students must remain onsite throughout the day.

Should friends or family need housing in Spokane on Saturday night, WMEA has arranged discounted rates at several Spokane hotels. The hotel list (including discount codes) will be published when High School Honor Group selections are announced on November 13. Please contact those hotels directly to complete reservations. *WMEA does not provide housing to students, chaperones, or families.*

WMEA JR All-State	Rehearsal Start Time and Room	Meals Provided	CONCERT Date, Time, Venue
JAS Jazz Band	Fri 2/14, 9:00am FICA VIP Lounge	Fri-Lunch, Dinner	Fri 2/14, 7:30pm, FICA
JAS Baker Band	Sun 2/16 9:00am Convention Center Level 1: 111A	Sun- Lunch + Snack	Sun 2/16, 4:30pm, Convention Center Exhibit Hall A
JAS Rainier Band	Sun 2/16 9:00am Convention Center Level 1: 111C	Sun- Lunch + Snack	
JAS Adams Orchestra	Sun 2/16 9:00am Convention Center Level 3: 300A	Sun- Lunch + Snack	Sun 2/16, 4:30pm, Convention Center 300
JAS St. Helens Orchestra	Sun 2/16 9:00am Convention Center Level 3: 300C/D	Sun- Lunch + Snack	
JAS Mixed Choir	Sun 2/16 9:00am: Centennial Riverfront Ballroom B/C	Sun- Lunch + Snack	Sun 2/16, 4:30pm, FICA
JAS Treble Choir	Sun 2/16 9:00am: Davenport Grand Ballroom C	Sun- Lunch + Snack	
JAS Youth Choir	Sun 2/16 9:00am: Davenport Grand Ballroom A	Sun- Lunch + Snack	

Rehearsal Schedules

Jazz Band Only - Friday, 2/14		All Large Groups - Sunday, 2/16	
Check-in	8:00 – 8:45 am	Check-in	8:00 – 8:45 am
Seating	8:45 – 9:00 am	Seating	8:45 – 9:00 am
Rehearsal	9:00 am	Rehearsal	9:00 am
Lunch	Break approx. 11:30 am	Lunch	Break approx. 11:30 am
Rehearsal/Sound Checks	Approx. 12:30 pm	Rehearsal/Sound Checks	Approx. 12:30 pm
Dinner	Break approx. 5:00 pm	Snack	Break approx. 3:30 pm
Concert	7:30 pm	Concert	4:30 pm

Parents, family, friends, and teachers are welcome to observe rehearsals throughout the day except for the closed sound checks, which will occur between 1:00 and 4:30 PM.

Concert Tickets

All Junior All-State concerts are free and open to the public.

Souvenirs and Memorabilia

All student participants will receive a t-shirt and one video recording. Pre-order forms for additional commemorative photos, plaques, t-shirts/sweatshirts, and recordings will be sent to teachers and posted on the WMEA website at a later date.

What to Wear and Bring

Rehearsals: Please wear comfortable, school-appropriate clothing for rehearsals during the day.

Concert Attire: You should bring a pair of dark dress pants (preferred) or a long, dark skirt for your concert. No jeans, please. You will also need dark shoes and socks. You will wear your WMEA Junior All-State t-shirt to give the group a uniform look. T-shirts will be distributed at your rehearsal and are included in your participation fees. Students should bring hand sanitizer and personal masks if desired.

Instruments: Please bring all instruments and related accessories required (reeds, mutes, mouthpieces, valve or slide oil, cork grease, reed cups, etc.)

Sheet Music: Please bring the folder with the sheet music that will be sent to your school.

Attendance, Participation, and Behavior

By electing to participate in WMEA Jr. All-State, you, your parents, and your teacher agree that you will not leave rehearsal or other activities between check-in and the end of the concert. Doing so will result in your removal from the group.

On the registration form, students, parents, teachers, and the school principal sign to agree to the following:

All students are expected to follow common-sense guidelines of good behavior at all times. Rowdiness, destruction or defacing of property, use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or any other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Students are expected to follow the instructions of all adult supervisors at rehearsal, in transit, or in any other location. Students **MUST** be at all rehearsals and with the group for the entire scheduled time. Any student leaving without prior permission from the appropriate group manager will be disqualified from further participation in WMEA All-State activities and sent home at the first opportunity at their expense. We, the undersigned, understand and will abide by this. Permission is granted for this student's name and/or picture to appear on recordings, in video, and in photographs.

2025 Junior All-State Conductors

Junior All-State Baker Band – Leslie Moffat, Heatherwood Middle School

Junior All-State Rainier Band – Bob Rink, Puyallup School District

Junior All-State Adams Orchestra – Adrienne Fletcher, Mid-Columbia Youth Orchestras

Junior All-State St. Helens Orchestra – Karen Helseth, Shorewood High School

Junior All-State Treble Choir – Coty Raven Morris, University of Portland

Junior All-State Mixed Choir – Jonah Heinen, University of Puget Sound

Junior All-State Jazz Band – Mike Mines, Snohomish School District

Junior All-State Youth Choir – Dr. Meg Stohlmann, Gonzaga University