

Dear 2019 All-State Festival Students and Parents:

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND RULES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FESTIVAL. Failure to do so could result in an experience that is less than what it should be, or worse. Please understand that no rule or stipulation exists without a reason, and we must enforce them with absolute certainty. We expect all students to be where they are supposed to be as directed by the student schedule, and to behave with a sense of responsibility and maturity.

STUDENT "MOVEMENT" LIMITATIONS AT ALL-STATE

For your safety and for our liability, under no circumstances may any student leave at any time for any reason with anybody, including your teacher or parent, unless specifically authorized by MMEA. We have an obligation to know where every single one of you is at any given moment. Your directors are responsible for assistance in "chaperoning", or checking up with you from time to time, but from the moment you set foot on campus, YOU ARE UNDER MMEA JURISDICTION, NOT YOUR TEACHERS'. Consequently, they do not have permission to take you with them for any reason. If you are found where you don't belong, even on campus, you will promptly be removed from the Festival.

ALL STATE STUDENT RULES & EXPECTATIONS From the MMEA Handbook pg 31-32, 34.

Available on the MMEA Website: <http://www.mainemmea.org/handbook.htm>

- Each student is responsible for his/her personal property at all times. All equipment, instruments, and personal property should be marked with identification.
- All Students with prescription meds MUST leave them with the staff nurse at registration, with the exception of inhalers for asthma, diabetic supplies, and epi-pens. Please bring only the number of dosages needed for the duration of the festival! The nurse will dispense medications at appropriate times throughout the day. **Medications must be in the original labeled prescription containers.**

- Students are expected to cooperate with the local committee and managers, and to conform to all regulations laid down by the All-State (BOC) Concert Festival Committee.
- Students will not be allowed to drive cars to, from, or during the festival, and may NOT be IN a car during the Festival, excepting emergencies.
- All students are expected to be in attendance at every rehearsal, concert and all other activities scheduled for the week/weekend.
- Students are expected to be in their rooms at the curfew times set by the All- State (BOC) Concert Festival Committee.
- Students are to eat all meals at the provided dining areas.
- Students must return home by the same means of transportation in which they (came or with their parent or guardian, unless special written permission signed by the parent or guardian is provided to the school supervisor (please check with your local Superintendent's Office for rules regarding travel to and from school functions).
- Gum chewing is forbidden in rehearsal area.
- No tobacco, vaping, intoxicating beverages or drugs will be allowed on site anytime or anywhere. Infringement of the smoking, drinking, or drug rules will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the festival. In addition, any student possessing or using illegal drugs or alcohol will be subject to arrest and prosecution. **UMaine is a tobacco free campus.**

ALL STATE STUDENT DORM RULES

- DORMS: Students are financially responsible for any room damage or theft.
- DORMS: No gentlemen in the lady's dorm or wing for any reason at any time or vice-versa.
- No practicing, radios, or other loud noises between 10:30PM and 6AM.
- All curfews, as set by the Host, Managers, or All-State (BOC) Chairperson, must be adhered to.
- Students MUST have MMEA All-State identification tags ON them at all times.

WHAT TO BRING

1 STUDENT BEDDING: You must bring your own pillow, sheets and blankets (or sleeping bag), towels and facecloths.

2 BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENT EQUIPMENT:

A) ALL Instrumentalists: Bring a good wire stand WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, YOUR CELL NUMBER, YOUR SCHOOL NAME, AND YOUR TEACHER'S NAME to All-State with you.

B) All brass players must bring mutes if required in your music. Check with your director if you are not sure what mute they are asking for.

C) Percussionists should bring all sticks and mallets required to cover their parts. Bass drum, gong and specialty mallets will be provided.

D) Everyone should bring all necessary supplies, such as reeds, and DON'T FORGET YOUR PENCIL! Chorus members should keep a water bottle with them.

WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVING THURSDAY: REGISTRATION, DORM CHECK-IN AND ROOM

INSPECTION

When you arrive with your Directors on Thursday, they will register you for the Festival and pick up your dorm keys and meal cards. **Those of you with prescription medications will need to register with the nurse and leave your meds with her (see MMEA rules above).** Once you have your dorm key and meal card take your luggage to your dorm room. At this point you need to do a dorm room inspection for any damage and alert the staff at the dorm of anything that is damaged -- we do not want you to be charged unnecessarily for any damage or vandalism to your dorm room. Once you have dropped off luggage and checked your room head to your rehearsal area!

DORM ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, NO SWITCHES!

For security and emergency contingency reasons, **the room you are being assigned to is the room you MUST remain in.** Neither you nor your director is authorized to switch your room. If you switch rooms with another student for ANY length of time, your parent will be notified to immediately drive to the festival and remove you.

REAUDITIONS FOR ORCHESTRA

When you arrive, be prepared for re-auditions for your instrument. If you prepared well, this is our opportunity to see to it that you don't have to suffer next to someone who didn't.

Specifics are listed in your teacher's **MMEA Handbook, pg 34. Available at:**

<http://www.mainemmea.org/handbook.htm>

CONCERT DRESS CHECK FOR ALL STUDENTS

On Thursday you will have your Concert Attire checked by your ensemble manager. Please make sure you have paid close attention to our expectations. We are expecting FORMAL BLACK! If you are missing an item or have inappropriate attire your teacher will be notified and you will need to correct the issue and have your attire checked again on Friday night.

And we are expecting your clothes to be tasteful and modest—that means there should be no excessive skin showing. For skirts, there should be no slits rising above the knee.

If your Concert Attire does not fit this criteria, you will not be allowed on stage.

Formal Black Concert Attire Criteria:

Shirt: Solid Black long sleeve (wrist length) formal dress shirt **Pants/Skirt:** Solid Black formal ankle length dress pants or ankle

length black skirt.

Black Concert Dresses: If your school provides formal ankle length black dresses for your students these are acceptable for concert attire provided the sleeves are full length. If your dresses are short sleeved the addition of full sleeved cardigan or bolero jacket is acceptable.

Shoes: Solid Black formal dress shoes **Socks/Nylons:** Solid Black

***Please note that leggings, yoga pants, and jeans are not considered appropriate concert attire. Also Solid Black means Solid Black, no patterns!**