



2023 – 2024 New Jersey All-State Ensembles Student Contract

To be completed by STUDENT, PARENT/GUARDIAN, DIRECTOR, and PRINCIPAL

This form must be completed, including all signatures. The student must turn it prior to arriving in Atlantic City to participate.

Student Name (Printed): _____

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| Ensemble (Circle one): | Mixed Chorus | Orchestra | Jazz Band | Jazz Choir | Treble Chorus | Symphonic Band | Wind Ensemble |
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GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following rules have been established for all participants in the 2023-2024 NJ All-State Ensembles:

- 1) Student will prepare all assigned music prior to arriving in Atlantic City.
- 2) NJMEA will not provide instruments, except for large percussion and piano. Students must plan to transport or rent instruments at their own expense.
- 3) All students must arrive on time and attend all rehearsals and concerts in their entirety.
- 4) Any accidents, injuries, and/or illnesses must be reported to the nurse, chaperones, or managers immediately.
- 5) Students will cooperate fully with chaperones, managers, and any other administrative officials.
- 6) The use of cell phones, tablets, laptops, and any other electronic device during rehearsals and performances is prohibited unless authorized by the manager or conductor.
- 7) Students are not allowed to operate a motor vehicle or travel in any vehicle during All-State events. Students are also prohibited from having a motor vehicle on site.
- 8) Once checked-in, students are not permitted to leave the hotel or officially designated scheduled areas for any reason. Students must attend all scheduled activities, meals, rehearsals, concerts, etc. and must always remain in their assigned areas.
- 9) NJMEA will provide all hotel rooming assignments. Students must stay in the NJMEA assigned accommodations.
- 10) Students are only permitted in their assigned room. They are prohibited from being in any other students' hotel room at any time regardless of gender. Students who violate this rule may be immediately expelled from the program, including performances.
- 11) Students must be in their assigned rooms at curfew time and remain in the assigned room until 10 minutes prior to breakfast.
- 12) Use of hotel services, including room telephones, paid television, room service, etc. is forbidden. Students are not permitted to use the hotel pool or spa facilities.
- 13) Pranks or vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated. Parents and/or the participant will assume full financial responsibility for damages caused by the participant. Damage to any hotel room may be assessed equally among those students assigned to the room.
- 14) Use, possession, and/or acquisition of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or legal/illegal drugs is prohibited at any time during participation in the 23-24 NJMEA All-State Ensembles. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal.
- 15) NJMEA has the authority to search student rooms with probable cause.
- 16) Students should dress appropriately and always wear their official NJMEA identification badge visibly.
- 17) Students should notify NJMEA immediately if it is necessary to withdraw from their 23-24 All-State Ensemble.

COVID UNDERSTANDING

There are risks of exposure to Covid-19, including traveling through high-risk areas and failures of others to follow proper protocols. NJMEA has taken reasonable steps to address these risks based on NJ Department of Health and CDC guidelines. Agreement to this contract acknowledges these risks and releases NJMEA, its staff, and its volunteers from any liability from exposure or harm that may occur while participating in NJMEA events.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Students shall not discriminate and shall be respectful of ethnic, national, religious, and cultural differences.
- 2) Students shall respect the individual rights and safety of others. While participating in the All-State Ensembles, respectful discourse and appropriate behavior shall be required of students. Students shall avoid the use of profanity, exhibit good sportsmanship, and refrain from all gestures and comments that a reasonable person may judge as unwelcome.
- 3) Students shall contribute to collegial, inclusive, professional, positive, and respectful environment for fellow participants, conductors, and staff, and shall model the best in participant behavior.
- 4) Students shall communicate with others in a clear respectful manner and in appropriate settings.
- 5) Inappropriate communications by email, online ensemble communication platforms, or in any public forum about NJMEA, other student participants, conductors, staff, or stakeholders, is not acceptable. Issues regarding NJMEA shall be taken up in private with the appropriate NJMEA staff member.
- 6) Students shall treat all other participants, conductors, and staff fairly and not discriminate on the basis of religion, actual and/or perceived gender, gender expression, gender identity, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, age, medical condition or disability, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or culture.

Grant of Permission to Use Likeness

Permission is granted to NJMEA and its agents to photograph, videotape, and/or record the student while participating in the All-State program and to use, display, publish, reproduce, sell, edit, adapt, modify, perform, transmit, and otherwise use any such photographs, videotapes, and/or recordings taken during All-State programs containing student likeness, including any derivative works created therefrom for any purpose associated with NJMEA’s mission to advance music education in the state without compensation. Students agree that photographs, videotapes, and/or recordings of students taken at the All-State programs will be the sole property of NJMEA.

FOR STUDENTS

I, the undersigned, have read this official 2023-2024 New Jersey All-State Ensembles Student Contract, agree to its contents, and agree to support its enforcement. If a violation of the General Expectations and Student Code of Conduct occurs, I understand my Parent/Legal Guardian and director will be notified and that I may be dismissed from the program and removed from the final performance recording.

I understand that NJMMEA has the sole discretion to make all decisions, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding disciplinary matters and the final approval of students selected to perform.

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| Student Name (printed) | Student Signature | Date |
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FOR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS, DIRECTOR, and PRINCIPAL

We, the undersigned, have read this official 2023-2024 New Jersey All-State Ensembles Student Contract, agree to its contents, and agree to support its enforcement. We permit the student to attend all rehearsals in their entirety during the event. If a violation of the General Expectations and Student Code of Conduct occurs, we understand that the student, director, and parent will be notified, and that the student may be dismissed from the program and removed from the final performance recording.

We understand that NJMEA has sole discretion to make all decisions, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding disciplinary matters and the final approval of students selected to perform.

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| Parent/Legal Guardian’s Name (printed) | Director’s Name (printed) | Principal’s Name (printed) |
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