

58th Annual Colorado All-State High School Orchestra Audition Guidelines

CHSAA Eligibility Requirements can be found in the CHSAA Music Handbook. In addition to these requirements, please refer to the following All-State Orchestra requirements.

- 1) Any student participating in All-State Orchestra must be actively involved in the school's parallel musical organization at the time of audition and during second semester when All-State Orchestra takes place.
- 2) Applicants must be recommended by their school's music director *and* principal.
- 3) All school music directors MUST provide proof of MENC membership.
- 4) A student must be academically eligible at the time of auditions for All-State Orchestra *and* must remain eligible throughout the time period in order to participate in All-State Orchestra.
- 5) Students selected to perform with the Colorado All-State Orchestra, must attend all rehearsals and the performance in order not to deprive someone else of this honor and opportunity. Anyone arriving late to rehearsals may be demoted or dropped from the ensemble. Missing a rehearsal or any portion of a rehearsal is not allowed!
- 6) Musician(s) who represent the high school are the responsibility of the high school. The high school is responsible for housing and providing chaperones for participating students. It is not the responsibility of All-State Orchestra, CHSAA, CMEA or Colorado State University to chaperone students.
- 7) Check calendars carefully before auditioning. Being selected to All-State Orchestra is an honor. Students selected must attend all events. If selected you find you are unable to attend, you must contact the All-State Chair by January 15, 2010. Failure to comply with cancellation procedures could result in the student being disqualified from future All-State events and may jeopardize the high school's future eligibility in All-State Orchestra.

Audition Information

A completed application form and *corresponding non-refundable fee of \$20.00* must accompany each CD or cassette tape. Students auditioning on two instruments should pay one fee of \$20.00 if auditioning within one family of instruments, i.e. oboe and English horn. Students auditioning on two or more instruments, such as clarinet/bassoon or violin/viola must pay the \$20.00 audition fee per instrument. Please use the registration form and duplicate as necessary - all signatures must be originals in ink. *Do not duplicate signatures or use a stamp.*

ALL packages must be postmarked no later than October 16, 2009. (Hand carried CD/tape packages may be taken to the address listed below. These must be delivered to the ASO Chair by 3:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2009.)

Mail to:
Peter Toews, Chair
Colorado All State Orchestra
Mountain View High School
3500 Mountain Lion Dr.
Loveland, CO 80537
970-613-7842

Recording Instructions – Please read carefully for new policies

1. **ONLY ONE (1) STUDENT PER CD/CASSETTE.**
2. Please include a label within the CD box or cassette box with the student name, high school name, instrument, and date of recording (**do not label the actual CD or cassette**). CDs will be assigned a code before being judged to maintain anonymity. (**No reporting form is required.**)
3. Please listen to each recording before submitting. **If any portion of the audition is missing, the recording will be immediately disqualified.** Poor sound quality may adversely affect auditions. Please listen to each CD on a car CD player or other non-professional CD player to insure proper playability. **CDs that cannot be played on a standard CD player will not be judged.** The judges will only have standard CD players on which to listen to the recordings. Please use new cassette tapes.
4. Inadequate lead-time and simple correctable mistakes can adversely affect your student's audition. **No accompaniment of any kind or audible metronome sounds are allowed on the audition recording.** *Remember-the judges can only judge what they hear!*
5. Any audition recording with audible metronome sounds or accompaniment will immediately be disqualified.

6. Each part of the audition is very important and weighed equally. Pay close attention to rhythm, intonation, and tempo of scales and excerpts, as well as the prepared piece. Portions of the audition that do not meet the minimum requirements will be given an automatic “0” regardless of performance. **Please Note: Judges will be allowed to discontinue listening to any audition recording that does not meet a 50% score. The remainder of the recording not listened to will receive a score of 0. IF ANY PORTION OF THE AUDITION IS MISSING, THE RECORDING WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED.**
7. Strings and Harp - Follow the audition requirements for the UNC Western States Honor Orchestra auditions
8. Winds, Brass and Percussion – Please see the audition requirements listed later in this document. A list of required instrumentation is enclosed. Wind players who are proficient on more than one instrument should send a separate tape/CD for each instrument on which they wish to audition. **Please note the required solos for wind instruments.**
9. Audition Requirements are listed in the *Audition Materials* section of this document.

Whatever recording method you choose for your audition recording, please ensure the best possible performance by having a professional record your audition (your teacher). Please do not include reverb or other environmental effects to your recording. These additions often reduce the quality of a performance in the ears of the judges as they are listening for “your” quality of playing and not what you would sound like in Carnegie Hall. If at all possible, it is recommended that a compact disc recording be sent in rather than cassette. The sound quality of a compact disc is far superior to that of a cassette. Although CDs are highly recommended, this is not a requirement, as the judging panels do understand that not all schools have the ability to record digitally.

Notification of Results

2010 Colorado All State High School Orchestra audition results will be sent directly to High School Music Directors in December, along with music, pre-registration forms, schedules and hotel information. All students who submit an audition will be notified of the audition results in writing. Audition CDs/tapes will not be returned unless the Chair is notified by January 15, 2010 that you wish to have these recordings returned. All judging cards will be available to directors at the All-State Orchestra weekend.

Results will also be posted on the ASO website: <http://www.coloradoallstateorchestra.org>