

River Trail Middle School

All-State Orchestra

2020-2021 Registration

Georgia All-State is a special event organized by the **Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA)** and allows high caliber students from all over the state to work together with nationally renowned conductors in music education. The 3-day event is held in Athens, Georgia, from April 15-17, 2021. Students must undergo two separate auditions and will be selected performance merit based on performance technique and musicality.

The first audition is held at the district level and students must pass with a minimum score of 55 out of 80 to proceed to the second round. In the second-round audition, middle school orchestra students are competing against other middle school students at the state level. Students are ranked based on their second-round audition performance scores which determines their selection into the Georgia All-State Orchestra.

Most students who plan to audition for Georgia All-State should have a private lesson teacher as the music requirements go beyond the scope of Middle School Orchestra curricular standards. It is up for the private lesson teacher to determine if a student should audition for Georgia All-State.

The fee to register for students wanting to tryout of All-State is \$25, due by October 16, 2020

Payment on the RTMS Online School Payment platform will be available sometime this week or early next week (Sept. 11-15)

2020-2021 Audition Dates and Locations

- **First Round Audition:** December 5, 2020 (Virtual)
students accepted in All-State Orchestra Spring 2020, are exempt from the 1st round audition this fall
- **Second Round (final) Audition:** February 13, 2021 (Virtual)
- **All-State Orchestra Event:** April 15-17, 2021 Classic Center - Athens, Georgia

Virtual Auditions and GMEA Refund Policy

Virtual Auditions

Currently, no directions or details were given to orchestra directors regarding "Virtual Auditions." Information will be shared to students immediately once orchestra directors receive information from GMEA.

Refund Policy

No refunds of All-State registration fees can be given regardless of reason including cancellation or failure to appear for auditions. Please be advised that refund policies are dictated by GMEA and not by River Trail MS or Fulton County Schools.

Orchestra Enrollment Policy

GMEA policy requires that students must be enrolled in their school's orchestra program during the registration, audition, and acceptance for All-State Orchestra. Directors are required to notify GMEA immediately if a registered student leaves the program.

First Round Audition Requirements: Middle School, 2020-2021

Students are required to play two All-State Scales and the All-State excerpt for first round auditions. You may find the required All-State Scale list and the Excerpt through the link below:

<https://www.gmea.org/aso-audition-information>

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All-State Registration Form

Registration and Fees (\$25) are Due: Friday, October 16, 2020

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Instrument: _____

Please use the same name you registered for All-State last year regardless if you passed first round or not.

Student Date of Birth: _____ Class Period: 2 3 4 5 7 8

OSP Receipt Number: _____ (forms without the OSP receipt number will not be processed)

***Current 7th and 8th Grade Students only** (please circle yes or no)

Are you new to the River Trail MS Orchestra program? Yes No

Were you accepted in the Georgia All-State Orchestra Spring 2020? Yes No

By signing below, the parent(s) of the student auditioning agree and understand that:

1. Fee registration of \$25, **needs to be paid online through the RTMS Online School Payment platform by October 16, 2020.**
Payments and Forms after the deadline will not be accepted.
2. Forms must have the OSP receipt number to be accepted and processed.
3. No refunds of All-State registration fees can be given regardless of reason, including cancellation or failure to appear.
4. It is the responsibility of the student to check they are practicing the correct etude for the 1st round auditions. No extensions or retry is given for students who practiced the wrong, required etude.
5. It is the responsibility of the student to check the updated All-State Registration lists posted each week on TEAMS and notify Mr. Liu of any problems (including missing name, misspelled name, wrong grade/birthday, unregistered group, or incorrect instrument).
6. It is the responsibility of the student to check the **final All-State Registration list posted on TEAMS.**
*Students must use the Google Forms link listed on the Final Registration List to notify Mr. Liu of any errors by the specified deadline (including missing name, misspelled name, unregistered group, or incorrect instrument).

****Please do not email Mr. Liu or tell Mr. Liu on TEAMS if there are errors on the Final All-State Registration List Check.***
7. If a student does not notify Mr. Liu regarding any mistakes on the Official All-State Registration list after the registration has been sent, he will be unable to reprocess the registration - ***even if the student has sent the registration fee on time.***
8. Students who pass the 2nd (Final) Round Audition must make their own transportation, hotel, and meal accommodations for the week of the All-State event. In addition, the student must have an adult chaperone for the duration of the trip.

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read and understand the above policies of the All-State Registration for River Trail Middle School Orchestra including the (#3) no refund policy and (#6) checking and notifying Mr. Liu of errors or omissions on the Final All-State Registration List.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(parent signature needs to be handwritten and not typed)