

River Trail Middle School

All-State Orchestra

2025-2026 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 March 5-7, 2026. 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.

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.

Registration Fee for students All-State Auditions is \$25
This form and fee are due August 22, 2025

Payment made on the RTMS Online School Payment platform

2025-2026 Audition Dates and Locations

- **First Round Audition:** October 25, 2025 *at River Trail Middle School*
- **Second Round (final) Audition:** January 10, 2026 *at Riverwood International High School*
- **All-State Orchestra Event:** March 5-7, 2026, *Classic Center - Athens, Georgia*

All-State Policies

Registration Fees

Fees must be paid through the by the All-State Registration Deadline – August 22, 2025. You may make payments on the RTMS Online Payment platform titled “*Orchestra-2025 All-State Registration*”

Refund Policy

Once the registration deadline has passed, 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. Orchestra Teachers are required to notify GMEA immediately if a student registered for All-State leaves the school orchestra program.

First Round Audition Requirements: Middle School

Students are required to play two All-State Scales, the All-State excerpt for first round auditions, and one sight-reading excerpt. 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 Form and Fee (\$25) are Due: Friday, August 22, 2025
Payment on the RTMS Online School Payment Platform
titled "Orchestra-2025 All-State Registration"

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: 1 2 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 2025? 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 August 22, 2025**
Payments and Forms after the deadline will not be accepted.
2. Forms must have the OSP receipt number to be accepted and processed and are due August 22, 2025.
3. No refunds of All-State registration fees can be given after the registration deadline regardless of reason, including cancellation or failure to appear at the auditions.
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 **FINAL All-State Registration list posted in class during the week of August 22-29, 2025.** Students **must immediately notify Mr. Liu** of any errors (*missing name, misspelled name, wrong grade, incorrect instrument, etc.*) by the specified deadline date on the Final Registration List.
6. It is **IMPORTANT** that students notify Mr. Liu of any errors listed in (#5) – **especially if a student's name was not on the list.** Mr. Liu will be **unable to register students** after the All-State Registration is sent to GMEA - **even if the registration form and fee were turned in on time.**
7. While rare, there is a make-up Audition date in case the final audition date (January 10, 2026) is cancelled due to inclement weather. The make-up date is January 24, 2026 at the same location. **The make-up date is only used when the entire Orchestra All-state event is cancelled and not for students who missed the January 10, 2026 audition.**
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 the form and fee are due August 22, 2025, and 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: _____