

GMEA Middle School All-State Band

State Level Auditions

When: Saturday, January 6, 2018

Inclement Weather Makeup Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Where: Perry Middle School (495 Perry Parkway, Perry, GA 31069)

Procedure for Auditions:

1. Arrive at Perry Middle School at least 30 minutes prior to your audition time.
2. Register in the Gym Lobby of Perry Middle School. Students should be accompanied at registration by a parent or responsible adult. Students will receive a sticker to wear throughout the day. The sticker contains a unique code that matches the student's score sheet – be careful not to lose track of your sticker or score sheet.
3. Warm-up in the Gym.
4. Audition. ☺ Please get in line 5 minutes prior to your scheduled audition time.
5. You're done! Relax and enjoy the rest of the weekend. The All-State Band rosters will be distributed to band directors via email.

Please note: Recording auditions at the State Level is prohibited (e.g., parents should not record student auditions through the door).

Parking: Cars should park in the side parking lot at Perry MS, closest to the gym/registration area. Bus parking is available in the parking lot near the cafeteria entrance.

Driving Directions: Perry is located just south of Macon, less than a minute from Interstate 75. Take Exit 138 (Thompson Road).

If you are traveling I-75 South, turn left off of Exit 138 onto Thompson Road.

If you are traveling I-75 North, turn right off of Exit 138 onto Thompson Road.

Hotel Options in the Perry area:

Best Western Bradbury Inn & Suites – 478.218.5200

Holiday Inn Express – 478.224.3000

Hampton Inn – 489.987.7681

Jameson Inn – 478.987.5060

What to Prepare for the State Level Auditions

Audition Requirements for Woodwind/Brass:

- **60% of score:** 2018 Middle School All-State Etudes as published on www.gmea.org. Students perform both the lyrical and technical sections.
- **40% of score:** Two sight-reading exercises. The procedure for each sight-reading exercise will be:
 1. Students will be given the tempo of the exercise.
 2. Students will have 30 seconds to study the exercise without playing.
 3. After the 30 seconds is complete, students will be told “You may find your first pitch.” At this point, student should play the first note of the exercise.
 4. After the student finds the first note, the metronome will be started again and students will be instructed to begin when ready. The metronome will be turned off once the student begins playing the exercise.

Please note that the judges are behind a screen for all auditions. There will be a monitor giving instructions to the student.

Flutes, clarinets, alto saxophone, trumpets, horns, and trombones will play for double panels (students will perform the etudes first in one room and sight-reading second in another room).

All other woodwind and brass instruments will play their etude and sight-reading for a single panel of judges.

Audition Requirements for Percussionists:

- Percussionists will audition in three rooms in this order: snare, mallets, timpani
- Students will perform the 2018 Middle School All-State etudes in each of the three rooms (Snare Etude, Mallet Etude, Timpani Etude)
- Student will sight-read once in each room (Snare sight-reading, Mallet sight-reading, Timpani sight-reading). Students will have 30 seconds to study each sight-reading exercise before playing.
- A snare drum, xylophone, marimba, timpani, and bell set will be provided.
- Students must bring their own sticks and mallets, including snare drum sticks, xylophone and/or marimba mallets, and timpani mallets. You must bring your own pitch pipe for timpani tuning, or you can use the bell set provided. Electronic tuning devices and tone producers are not allowed.
- Students may bring their own snare drum to use for the audition.