



2022-2023 GMEA District V Honor Orchestra and GMEA All State Orchestra Information

The GMEA District V Middle School Honor Orchestra is an ensemble of the best players in GMEA District 5, which includes Fulton County Schools, Atlanta Public Schools, and several private schools. This year the event will be held on **Saturday, March 25th** at [Sutton Middle School](#) on Northside Drive in Atlanta. The conductor will be [Jim Palmer](#), a nationally known clinician. The *only* audition for Honor Orchestra will be **Saturday, October 15th** at [River Trail Middle School](#) in Johns Creek. Audition requirements include scales, an etude, and sight reading. Students who participate in the audition on October 15th *will* be recommended for the District Honor Orchestra event.

Students who perform exceptionally well at the audition on October 15 will be invited to go on to the final All State audition, which will be held on **Saturday, January 14th** at the [Westminster Schools](#) in Atlanta. For this audition, students must play excerpts and sight read. Approximately 33% of the students that audition are selected for All State. There are two middle school All State Orchestras and they are equal level, and both are mixed grade levels. This year the two conductors will be [Angela Ammerman](#) and [Adrian Gordon](#). The multi-day event will be held at the [Classic Center in Athens](#) on **March 3-5th**. Here is a recap of the dates:

OCTOBER 15th, 2022

District Audition- [River Trail Middle School](#)

JANUARY 14th, 2023

All State Final Audition- [Westminster Schools](#)

MARCH 3-5th, 2023

All-State Orchestra at [The Classic Center](#) - Athens, GA

MARCH 25th, 2023

District Honor Orchestra- [Sutton Middle School](#)

The fee to audition at the district level is \$25.00. This payment is due by Friday, September 9th, 2022 at 4:05 p.m. and is non-refundable for any reason. Please make payment online through [OSP](#) if your child will audition. If selected, the fee to participate in Honor Orchestra and/or All State is also \$25. By paying the audition fee, your child is committed to the first audition *and* the Honor Orchestra event in March, *OR* the All State Orchestra second audition and event if selected.

Transportation, lodging and meals at these auditions and events are the responsibility of the parent. For All State in Athens, many parents choose to reserve a convenient hotel in advance of the auditions ([Hyatt Place](#) and [Hilton Garden Inn](#) are walking distance).

This year, I will help all eighth grade students with the requirements for the first audition. We will also have clinicians come in for each instrument in advance of the audition. For the second audition, students who are not taking private lessons may have a more limited chance of being selected for All State, as they may need much more individual help than can be provided at school. Students may need to practice diligently each day to be successful at this audition, especially at sight reading, which is difficult to practice in larger groups. All students will be provided with [SmartMusic](#) for sight reading practice.

Audition requirements will be posted on <https://www.gmea.org/aso-information>.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these events or the auditions.

Thank you,

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