



Montana High School Association

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TO: MHSА CLASS B AND C ADMINISTRATORS AND MUSIC TEACHERS

FROM: JOANNE AUSTIN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
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RE: PILOT FOR CLASS B-C ALL-STATE GROUP

The Montana High School Association is piloting a small school all-state group to make available an unparalleled experience for Class B and C students who are currently underrepresented in the Montana All-State, and to assess its viability as a long-term or permanent addition to the current music events administered by the MHSA. If fully implemented following the pilot, the Class B-C All-State group would be a band in even numbered years and a choir in odd years.

Nothing changes with the current all-state. Outstanding B-C students **should** audition for the all-state band or orchestra. If they are selected, they will play in the auditioned group.

Rationale behind the addition of a B-C All-State group is threefold:

1. To provide an opportunity for students from **every** small school to have an all-state experience.
2. To provide an opportunity for the B-C All-State band to hear the auditioned All-State band and share a concert.
3. To encourage schools to send music teachers to chaperone the B-C All-State members from their schools, and encourage music teachers to attend the concurrent MMEA in-service conference.

All three should lead to improved music instruction.

Every school that submits nominees for the Class B-C All-State will be **guaranteed a participant**. Selections are made from director recommendations *only* with no further audition other than a seating audition on site. Please be sure nominees are excellent citizens as well as strong musicians, able to contribute positively both socially and musically to the group.

Not only will the selected students prepare a concert for a 6:00 performance on Friday, October 17th, they will also participate in master-classes for each individual instrument and share their concert with the All-State Band.

Class B-C music teachers are encouraged to chaperone their students to Great Falls and then take advantage of the Montana Music Educators Association in-service conference. While participating in the B-C All-State, students will be housed in a local hotel, four per room, and directors may volunteer as chaperones for free rooming (see enclosed form).

Cost: \$10 registration fee
\$65 participation fee (includes music, meals, local transportation, postage etc.)
\$25 per night for room
Total \$125 for two night stay (Wed, Thu) or \$150 for three night stay (Wed, Thu, Fri)

HERE'S WHAT TO DO TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS SELECTED FOR 2008 (BAND):

1. Discuss the opportunity with your administration.
2. Fill out the enclosed nomination form.
3. Attach a check for \$10.
4. Put the form in the mail by **June 1st**.
5. Help your student complete registration and prepare his/her music next fall.
6. Be in the audience to hear him/her perform (optional, but highly encouraged).

If you have questions please feel free to contact the MHSA office.

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Enclosures:

Nomination for All-State Group
Chaperone Volunteer Form
Student Conduct Code



MHSA Class B-C All-State Band Nomination Form
 CLASS B-C STUDENTS MAY AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE BAND
 (AS ALWAYS) **AND** BE NOMINATED FOR THE B-C ALL-STATE
 BELOW. ANY STUDENT SELECTED TO THE AUDITIONED
 ALL-STATE WILL BE REPLACED IN THE B-C ALL-STATE WITH
 ANOTHER STUDENT FROM THE SAME SCHOOL.

Band Director: _____

Each Class B-C member school is invited to submit four names for potential membership in the 2008 B-C All-State Band, and **one of those four will be selected** for participation (visit www.mhsa.org for B-C All-State details). **It is important that each school send multiple nominees to ensure flexibility in setting instrumentation, and** names should be submitted in order of ability (i.e., best player first) rather than score order. Only one name from the same section can be submitted (i.e., one flute, one clarinet).

Directors should take care to nominate only their best students and not to submit the names of students who may lack either the emotional maturity or musical skill to contribute positively to the group. Directors are encouraged to include double reed and low brass/woodwind players to help ensure proper instrumentation. For percussion nominees, include information about ability to play timpani and mallets.

Directors must indicate whether any of their nominees is also auditioning for an All-State group. All-State selection will take precedence, and an alternate will replace the All-State selectee in the B-C honor group.

Remember, only ONE student from the list below WILL be selected:

School _____ School Address _____

Director _____ phone _____ e-mail _____

Nominee	Instrument	Yr. in Sch.	M	F	Aud. for All-State?	Y	N
1. _____	_____	_____	M	F	Y	N	
2. _____	_____	_____	M	F	Y	N	
3. _____	_____	_____	M	F	Y	N	
4. _____	_____	_____	M	F	Y	N	

Nomination Fee: \$10 to accompany this form. **Make checks payable to MHSA B-C All-State.** No purchase orders, please. *Additional cost for participant is \$115 if staying two nights, \$140 if staying three nights.* Music and details will be sent once band has been selected. Schools must chaperone student to and from Great Falls, but chaperones will be provided on site.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail Form and Check to:
MHSA Class B-C All State
500 32nd Ave. NE
Great Falls, MT 59404

 Signature of Band Director

 Signature of School Administrator



MHSA Class B-C All-State Chaperone Volunteer Form

(Complimentary rooms for chaperones)

Eight to ten chaperones are needed for the 2008 Class B-C All-state group in Great Falls. Chaperones will be responsible for supervising twelve students (3 rooms) while in the hotel (approximately 9 pm to 7 am each night).

In return for their service, chaperones will receive a complimentary room (two chaperones per room).

Chaperones will be selected in the order their applications are received, adjusted for gender balance to match that of the makeup of the ensemble.

If you are willing to serve as a chaperone and share a free room with another music colleague, please complete the information below and mail this form with you B-C All-State Nomination Form. Remember, the first applications will be the first to be awarded the complimentary rooms.

**Chaperones will be notified by September 1st
about selection and further details.**

_____ **YES**, I am willing to chaperone twelve B-C all-state students as outlined above.

Name _____

School _____ **e-mail** _____

Address _____ **phone** _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

_____ **Two nights** (Wed, Thurs, check out Fri morning)

_____ **Three nights** (Wed, Thurs, Fri, depart Sat morning)

**Complete this form and mail it along with your
B-C All-State Nomination Form by June 1st.**

Montana High School Association All-State Music Festival
Student Conduct Code

1. Students are expected to be model citizens at all times while attending MHSA music events. Superior, attentive conduct is mandatory at all festival events and/or rehearsals. Full cooperation with festival management and personnel is essential to the success of each festival.
2. Illegal use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any form at any time will result in the students' immediate exclusion from an MHSA festival.
3. Students are to act courteously and dress appropriately in host schools and festival facilities, and are to show respect for all people, property and rules.
4. Your own school rules and regulations will also apply at every MHSA festival.
5. All music must be thoroughly prepared by the accepted student and school instructor in advance of All-State rehearsals. This is the minimum standard of integrity acceptable at any MHSA All-State music festival.
6. Students must be in place and ready to rehearse prior to the beginning of every All-State rehearsal session.
7. For student safety and All-State security, all members of All-State ensembles are required to wear All-State identification badges at all All-State events.

Failure to abide by this code will cause the Organizing Chair to withdraw the student from the performing ensemble.