



MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MUSIC PROGRAM

The MHSA Music Program is not restricted to a specific season. However, there are specific items about which administrators should be aware.

Eligibility

In the MHSA Handbook, the Music section contains detailed information on student eligibility. The eligibility requirements for music students differ from the general eligibility section of the By-Laws, so please refer to the eligibility language in the Music section when determining student eligibility for music students.

District Festivals

District music festivals for the twelve music districts are held during two separate weeks each spring. These dates vary depending on the Easter holiday. Please refer to the calendar for the dates of your particular district festival.

Forms for the festivals are distributed on a CD to each member school. The CD is revised as needed, so a new CD is not sent each year. Please keep the CD until revisions are distributed. If revised CDs are available, they will be sent on approximately February 1st of any given year. Notifications of revisions are printed in periodic MHSA publications.

State Solo & Ensemble Festivals

State Solo & Ensemble Festivals (East and West) are held during the first week of May each year. Only those students who receive superior ratings at the district festival are eligible to participate in the State Solo & Ensemble Festivals.

State festival information will be mailed to schools each March. State festival participation is not required, but entries must be sent to the state organizing chair by Tuesday following the district festival.

All-State Band, Chorus and Orchestra

The All-State mailing is sent to member school music directors on approximately February 1st of each year. This mailing includes notification of the audition materials for the coming year, as well as the specific school's audition code which changes every year. Recorded auditions must be submitted to the organizing chair by June 10th each year. The organizing chair will notify the students of their selection by September 1st of each year. Refer to the mailing for specific information.