



2025 PMEA All-State Festival Information

*****Please READ this entire document carefully*****

**FEES/INVOICE and PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
DUE MONDAY 3/31/25**

**PERFORMING ENSEMBLE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM DUE
BY FRIDAY 3/27/25**

REGISTRATION FEES/INVOICE FORM DIRECTIONS:

- ❖ A fee of **\$415.00** per student includes lodging and meals during the Festival, music and all festival expenses.
- ❖ **Checks (NO purchase orders)** are to be made payable to: **PMEA**. Mail to: PMEA, 56 S. Third St., Hamburg, PA 19526. *If multiple student registrations are being covered by one check please include a completed invoice for EACH student to be covered by the payment.
- ❖ The Registration Fee may also be paid with a credit card (all major cards accepted), however the payment will incur a \$10 convenience fee per registration (\$425 per **student**).
- ❖ **Deadline** to cancel and receive a refund is **Monday, March 31, 2025**.

ALL-STATE PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM (included in All-State Folder)

- ❖ <https://www.pmea.net/pmeaall-stateinformation/> then 2025 PMEA All-State Ensemble Rosters and Links - click on Ensemble Information.
- ❖ Forms are **ENSEMBLE SPECIFIC** and must be received **BY Monday, March 31** via:
 - email - allstate@pmea.net **PDF ONLY** - other formats will not be accepted
 - There will be **NO RESPONSE** from this email address regarding forms
 - Any questions/communication should be sent in a **SEPARATE EMAIL** to:
 - mlpeters@pmea.net
 - snail mail - there is an envelope in the student folder
 - PMEA All-State Coordinator - PO Box 1309 - Meadville, PA 16335

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION RECORD FORMS:

- ❖ If your child needs to be given medication during the PMEA Festival, a separate Medication Administration Record form for **EACH** medication to be administered (including over the counter medications) must be completed including the Licensed Prescriber's Signature.
- ❖ **PMEA Medical Administration Record For is located on your specific Ensemble Page.**
- ❖ The length of the PMEA All-State Festival begins at registration and ends at the conclusion of the student's ensemble concert performance.
- ❖ **Please take into consideration morning (breakfast) and evening (bedtime) medications in submitting the Medical Administration Record Form as the All-State Festival includes OVERNIGHT stays.**
- ❖ PMEA will accept a copy of the Medical Administration Form currently on file with your school district for medications taken **during the school day** including Action Plans (as long as consent has been given for the form to be used). A copy of the school's Med. Admin. Form should be attached to the PMEA Medical Admin. Form with the student information and parent signature.
- ❖ Medications in their **original package AND the completed Medical Administration Form** for **EACH** including "over the counter medications" such as Ibuprofen, Antacids, etc. must be placed in a Ziploc baggie with the student's full name and ensemble marked in Sharpie. **Nurses will be on site to collect and review medication orders at each Hotel Site for EACH Ensemble. (Registration- Wednesday, April 17).**
- ❖ Students requiring asthma inhalers and Epi-Pens are permitted to keep them in their possession at all times but must provide the signed Med. Admin. Form to the Nurse at the Registration Table.
- ❖ **ALL medication must be administered by the PMEA Festival Nurse, regardless of the student's age, Section 504 or Transition Plan.**

REGISTRATION/LODGING (Director/Student Registration)

- ❖ **PMEA is NOT providing DINNER on the ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION day except for the Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella Ensembles as their rehearsals begin on Wednesday afternoon, April 9.**
- ❖ Students will be housed three (3) per room in a room with two queen beds and a pull-out sofa bed. All Student Lodging is at:
Kalahari Resort
250 Kalahari Blvd.
Pocono Manor, PA 18349
- ❖ If the student wishes to not use the provided hotel lodging, a HOUSING WAIVER FORM must be completed with the proper signatures and approval. Housing Waiver Forms are located on the Ensemble specific page and are due **BY Monday March 31, 2025**. * Please note, that at **NO** time during the event are students permitted to drive.
- ❖ Directors will register their students as follows on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**
 - **2:00 pm** - Hotel and Student Registration for Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella Ensembles **ONLY**. Bus and equipment truck (jazz) leaves at 2:30 pm from Kalahari to the rehearsal site. Students will place TAGGED luggage in a holding room which will be locked until evening.

- **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** - Hotel and Student Registration for Chorus, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band. DINNER will **NOT** be provided. **Once the Director has registered their student(s), the students are NOT permitted to leave the hotel facility.**
- The Kalahari waterpark is open until 8:00 pm on Wednesday. You **MUST** wear your hotel wristband for access to the waterpark. The wristband is available when you register on Wednesday.
- **8:45 pm** - all students should report to the Kilimanjaro ballroom for a **9:00 pm mandatory** meeting.
- **ONLY** students needing to check-in with the Nurse and provide their medications/med admin forms should accompany their director(s) directly inside to the hotel registration.
- Student Lodging **Check Out** for Jazz, Contemporary A Cappella, and Orchestra is Friday, April 11. **Check Out** for Chorus, Concert Band, & Wind Ensemble is Saturday, April 12. PMEA is NOT responsible for students and their lodgings after their respective concerts. If a student in the Jazz, Contemporary A Cappella or Orchestra ensembles is in need of lodging after Friday evening's concert the student's director **must** notify Mary Lynne Peters (mlpeters@pmea.net) **BEFORE Monday March 31, 2025.**

PMEA ALL-STATE REHEARSAL SITES/ Hosts

- ❖ **Jazz and Contemporary A Cappella**- Pocono Mountain West High School - 181 Panther Lane - Pocono Summit, PA 18346
 - The **Contemporary A Cappella** ensemble will rehearse at Pocono Mountain East High School - 231 Pocono School Road - Swiftwater, PA 18370 on **Friday April 11.**
- ❖ **Chorus**-Pocono Mountain East High School - 231 Pocono School Road - Swiftwater, PA 18370
 - On **Friday April 11** Chorus rehearsal is at Swiftwater Intermediate School - 208 Campus Dr. - Swiftwater, PA 18370
- ❖ **Concert Band**- East Stroudsburg High School-South - 279 N. Cortland St. - East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
- ❖ **Wind Ensemble**- Pocono Mountain East JHS - 125 Center Court - Swiftwater, PA 18370
- ❖ **Orchestra**- Stroudsburg High School - 1100 W. Main St. - Stroudsburg, PA 18360

PMEA DIRECTOR ALL- STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (<https://www.pmea.net/> Scroll to Conferences and Events and then click on Annual In-Service Conference)

- ❖ Directors may also register for the 2025 PMEA All-State Conference beginning Wednesday, April 9, 2025 from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Kalahari Convention Center.
- ❖ You may also register on Thursday April 10, 2025 from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm OR Friday April 11, 2025 from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

PMEA ALL-STATE STUDENT DETAILED INFORMATION/ FAQ's

- ❖ Students, Parents and Directors may access the PMEA All-State Information website without a log-in at <https://www.pmea.net/pmeaall-stateinformation/>
- ❖ A QR Code has also been provided in each All-State Music Folder which takes you directly to the specific Ensemble web page.
- ❖ EACH Ensemble's web page contains Conductor Notes, Listening Links, Take Note podcasts with the Ensemble Conductor, Concert Ticket Information, Schedules, Vendor Merchandise to purchase (Pepwear, MARK Custom Recording and Michael Straub Photography) AND FORMS (Invoice, Principal Acknowledgement Form (Ensemble specific), Housing Waiver, Med. Admin. Forms)

STUDENT FOOD/ SNACKS/HOTEL FACILITY

- ❖ Kalahari is a **CASHLESS** facility (but they do accept cash tips). The resort has kiosks that exchange cash for a Mastercard that can be used anywhere Mastercard is accepted.
- ❖ Students are highly encouraged to bring their own food and snacks. (There is a mini-fridge and microwave in EVERY room at Kalahari.
- ❖ Students will have an opportunity to visit the on-site waterpark and should pack appropriate swim wear, should they choose to utilize the waterpark.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

- ❖ Those who have indicated their **Special Dietary Needs VIA THE ARBITER FORM:** The information has been sent to the food service department at the host schools, hotel and concert facility. **If PMEA can not accommodate your specific special dietary needs or you are more comfortable with providing your own food that's acceptable.** All Food for the host schools MUST be packaged in sealed containers, ziplock bags AND labeled with the student name and All-State Ensemble, then given to the ensemble chaperone daily. Host schools have refrigeration and microwaves available AND there is a mini-fridge and microwave in EVERY room at the Kalahari Resort.

STUDENT DRESS CODES:

- ❖ **REHEARSALS** - Please wear school clothes which are appropriate! Layers are encouraged. **Remember what you are permitted to wear at your school, may NOT be approved at the Host School Rehearsal Site** including sweat pants, ripped jeans, pajamas, tank tops, muscle shirts, etc.) Hats are not to be worn during rehearsals.

CONCERT

- ❖ **Jazz** : Participants should look for an update on your Ensemble Page. No athletic footwear is permitted.
- ❖ **Contemporary A Cappella** : Look for an update on your Ensemble Page.
- ❖ **Concert Band/Wind Ensemble:** School Marching or Concert Band Uniform or Concert Black is acceptable. No Drum Major, Band Front or Color Guard uniforms are acceptable. No athletic footwear is permitted.
- ❖ **Orchestra:** Look at the Orchestra guidelines on the Ensemble Page which were adopted at the July 2024 PMEA Board Meeting. No athletic footwear is permitted.

- ❖ **Chorus: Must wear Choir Robes.** Should your school not have Choir Robes, please ask to borrow from a local church, neighboring school district or college. Choir please note: blue jeans and sweatshirts are **not** acceptable under your robes. No athletic footwear is permitted. Please dress professionally.

SEATING PLACEMENT

- ❖ All-State Ensemble Seating placement for Chorus, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will be announced Wednesday evening, April 9 at 9:00 pm at each of the MANDATORY MEETING in the Kilimanjaro Ballroom.
- ❖ Seating placement is based on the results of the seating auditions, held via Submittable during the designated window for each ensemble. **ALL STUDENTS** must audition. The audition excerpts will be revealed when the audition window opens and have been selected from each ensemble's All-State Folder. The auditions will be reviewed by PMEA Music Directors across the state. Each Ensemble will have the same time length in which to prepare and submit their auditions via SUBMITTABLE.

MUSIC/ MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ **ALL MUSIC** will be collected at the conclusion of each concert. **EACH** student is assigned a folder number containing music with corresponding numbers.. Students will be financially responsible (\$50) for ANY music not returned (**Xerox copies included**) OR defaced with inappropriate language or drawing. Any markings **MUST** be made in pencil.
- ❖ **ALL** permissions to copy music have been granted or are in the rights of the Public Domain.
- ❖ All part substitutions and part assignments are marked clearly on individual pieces of music and based on the Conductor's recommendation and instrumental parts in the music.
- ❖ **String Basses** and **Bass Clarinets** please bring your chairs/ stools and have them clearly marked with your name and school.

REMEMBER, THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THEIR HOSTS AND PMEA!!!