



# LOUISIANA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

## 2020-2021 ALL-STATE VIRTUAL AUDITION INFORMATION

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**All Auditions will be VIRTUAL - LIVE STREAMED through the Acceptd website.**

We are HIGHLY recommending that districts use the All-State 1st round virtual auditions for their District Honor Group auditions as well.

### LMEA 2020-2021 VIRTUAL All-State Auditions Information

This year we will have a one-time **LIVE STREAMED** audition for the LMEA All-State groups that will be held through the Acceptd online platform. These will be **LIVE/VIRTUAL (in real-time)** auditions where the student will be streaming from their home\*.

\* If a student does not have internet or computer service at home it will be up to the students and their school's director to find other options to have the students audition streamed at a different location. *i.e.* at the school, another student's house, etc.

- For All State Percussion auditions we are recommending that each district designate one, or more, locations at school(s) for students to have access to melodic percussion, timpani, etc. for their percussion audition.

In the LIVE STREAMED Auditions the proctor will also live stream from another location to help guide the student through the audition process. For Concert Band and Choir 1st round auditions the judges, who will be selected by each individual district, will also be streaming in the virtual audition room and scoring the audition as it happens. **All live streamed auditions will be recorded** by Acceptd in order to be sent to the second round after they have been scored for 1st round and the district directors turn in their 2nd round allotment lists.

**Each district must secure judges and proctors for the 1st round auditions.** Proctors will provide audition information to the student and guide them through the audition. There will be no communication between the student and the judge.

**ALL students will register for their auditions through Acceptd between December 14-21, 2020.**

When the student registers through Acceptd, they will need the following information beyond their own personal information: Director's name, directors email address, school name, school address and phone number. They will also enter their grade, instrument, and for seniors only, their ensemble preference order. *i.e.* Band, Choir, Jazz, Orchestra (They will put them in their order of preference)

Once all students have registered we will then be able to set up the correct number of time slots needed for each division/district/section, etc... Then, in early January, all students who have registered will be sent an email letting them know they can go back to the Acceptd platform to choose their audition time. These audition times will be available to be chosen January 7-9, 2021.

**Important:** Because this is a Live Streamed event, please be sure students understand, they must dress appropriately and be aware of what is visible in the background. Students should not have beds, pets, personal items or messy rooms visible to the judges.

\* Again, if a student does not have internet or computer service at home it will be up to the students and their school's director to find other options to have the students audition streamed at a different location.

**Technical Support:** *If there are streaming issues from a student's home, Acceptd will be providing technical support on all audition dates to assist with these issues. If necessary, we can move a student's audition to a later time when the issue has been resolved.*

At the conclusion of the one time/live streamed auditions, students will then be ranked. The district director will then be responsible to send their quota list to the LMEA Band and Choir Division Chairs. Once the division chairs receive the allotment lists from all of the district directors they will then send the chosen students audition recordings to a separate panel of out-of-state 2nd round judges to be considered for All-State placement.

*We encourage each district to keep track of several more alternates, per instrument/voice, than usual in case another district cannot fill its list completely.*

The final district level allotment list must be turned in to the LMEA Division chairs NO LATER than **February 7, 2021**.

Final All State Results will be posted **February 13, 2021**.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Student Audition Registration Dates: *December 14-21, 2020*

Student Audition Time Selection: *January 7-9, 2021*

All State Jazz Ensemble Auditions: *Saturday, January 13, 2021*

All State Concert Band Auditions: *Saturday, January 23, 2021*

All State Choir Auditions: *Saturday, January 30, 2021*

**Virtual Audition Fees:** (ALL students auditioning will pay this fee\*)

Each student will pay a \$20 fee to the virtual audition platform, Acceptd (<https://getacceptd.com>)

Students, or their parents, can pay by going to the Acceptd website and paying by credit card.

Or, schools or booster clubs can pay Acceptd directly for their students. In this case, Acceptd will provide a code that the student will enter when they register. Please note, individual folders are assigned to students once they have registered. Students who qualify for free lunch or parental unemployment may apply to have the \$20 Acceptd audition fee waived. For more information go to:

<https://support.getacceptd.com/hc/en-us/articles/360024616072-How-can-I-apply-for-a-fee-waiver-for-my-application>

**First Round fees:**

Please note: In order for students not to pay an additional fee, it is recommended that directors are selected from within your district to volunteer to judge for no fee. However, if an additional fee is collected to pay for judges, it must be made payable to the district and NOT Acceptd.

**Second Round LMEA fees:**

For all state selection, out of state judges will be selected. In order to pay for these adjudicators, there will be a \$7 fee for those students chosen to move on to the second round. Those Fees must be submitted to the district director. The District director will send one check to Bruce Lambert for all students. If paid for by a local music organization (ie: band/choir director association), checks should be made payable to LMEA.