



Missouri Association For Jazz Education

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Dear Directors,

Congratulations to you and your students for being selected to your MMEA All-District Jazz Band! Being selected as a member or alternate for their district jazz band makes them eligible to audition for the Missouri All-State Jazz Band. Please read all of the following information carefully regarding the registration, recording, and payment process for the Missouri All-State Jazz Band Auditions.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The registration will be done through the [Festival Scores](#) website. Follow the steps below to get started.

1. You will need to create a director account if you have not done so already. No Member ID information needed.
2. Add your school.
3. Add your auditioning students. Do not include student height, music bio, or special needs considerations.
 - If the student is auditioning on multiple instruments, include their preference in the box *INSTRUMENT PREFERENCE*. If the student is auditioning for multiple ensembles, include their preference in the box *GROUP PREFERENCE*.
4. Go to "Audition Events" and "Activate New Event".
 - Jazz Winds, Piano, Bass, Guitar, Vibes auditions will use event tag **3MJFY7F**
 - Jazz Drums auditions will use event tag **WFGGYLN**
5. Go to "Entries" and add students to the audition event. You will be able to upload the mp3 files between February 18 - March 1, 2021.

MISSOURI ALL - STATE JAZZ BAND TIMELINE

- February 18 - Recording submission window opens. Payment window opens.
- March 1 - Final day for submissions. Payment window closes.
- March 5 - Postmark deadline for mail in payment
- March 6 - 8 - Judging window open
- March 15 - Results posted

FEE PAYMENT

The Missouri All-State Jazz Band audition fee is \$15 per audition. The payment deadline is March 12th with a \$25 late fee charged if received after that date. Checks may be made out to "Missouri Association for Jazz Education" and mailed to the following address, postmarked no later than March 5th. [INVOICE LINK](#)

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RECORDING PROCESS *(All the audition music must be played in this order.)*

Directors are required to supervise all audition recordings. The recording must fit the following criteria. Any recordings that do not fit the criteria will be disqualified.

- Recordings must be in mp3 format.
- Audition music must be recorded along with the following [PLAY ALONG RECORDINGS](#) in the following order (with 15 seconds of dead time built in):
 1. **Swing Etude**
 2. **Latin Etude**
 3. **B-Flat Blues** (*Winds: Head, then minimum 1 chorus but 2 choruses is on play along*)
(*Rhythm Section: Chorus 1 - Head, Chorus 2 - Comp/Walk, Chorus 3 - Improv*)
 4. **The Preacher** (*Winds: Head, then minimum 1 chorus but 2 choruses is on play along*)
(*Rhythm Section: Chorus 1 - Head, Chorus 2 - Comp/Walk, Chorus 3 - Improv*)
 5. **Drum Set Grooves - continue to play grooves: Jazz Waltz, Shuffle, Samba, Funk.**
- Recordings must be non-stop and unedited which includes drums set grooves. No play along drum set grooves recordings. Do not stop or pause the recording. Digital effects added to the recording - i.e. reverb, echo, "concert hall setting" will not be allowed.

We look forward to placing the 2020 - 2021 Missouri All-State Jazz Band! We hope you will consider joining the [Missouri Association for Jazz Education](#) (check payments accepted at this time). If you have any questions throughout this process, please feel free to contact me at jevans@wcr7.org.

Sincerely,

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