



Dear Colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying your summer!

### **All-State Music Festival**

The release date for the All-State Audition material is next Thursday, July 25th which will be found on the IHSMA website at [www.ihsma.org](http://www.ihsma.org).

A note from West Music pertaining to the Choral packet and the addition of the public domain manuscript work that went into publication for the 2024 program and is now included in the packet:

"If the order was paid with credit card, the person that placed the order will receive an email link (sent to the email address they provided on their order) from West Music that they will need to click on to approve the increased dollar amount. The order will not ship/be available for ICDA pickup until the additional amount has been approved. If payment was indicated via PO or something other than credit card, please be aware the invoice will be billed for the increased amount and not what was in the confirmation email."

**If you have a student auditioning on Piano for All-State**, please complete the following Google Form. In addition to the Choral packet purchased through West Music, the student will be sent a second packet of music from the IHSMA Office with music for the Band and Orchestra selections after Family Week. <https://forms.gle/vkwyLHqVPJAMXu4w8>

### **Membership Information**

Membership in the Iowa High School Music Association is reserved for eligible high schools approved by the Iowa Department of Education. If you receive this correspondence, you are eligible for membership. To become a member, you must simply complete the IHSMA Membership Form found on the General Information page by following this link: <https://ihsma.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IHSMA-Membership-Form-24-25-Fillable.pdf>. Please ask your business office to submit the completed form with the payment of \$25.00. That payment must be postmarked by September 15. After September 15, the fee becomes \$37.50. Membership is not accepted after January 1. Membership must be paid prior to participating in any IHSMA activity.

### **Election/Nomination Information**

Advisory Group (South). Dr. Tony Aylsworth has completed his first term as Administrative Representative and is interested in running for a second term.

**District Advisory Group:** There are positions for the District Advisory Group Instrumental Representative for Southwest, Vocal Representative for South Central, and Administrative Representative for Southeast. Current high school band or orchestra directors of member schools are eligible for the Instrumental Representative position, current superintendents or high school principals of member schools are eligible for the Administrative position and current high school vocal music directors of member schools are eligible for the Vocal Music Representative position.

Online Nomination instructions for these vacancies will be emailed to member schools on Friday, September 6, 2024. Nominations must be submitted online by 11:59 PM, Thursday, September 19, 2024. The top two candidates, plus ties, will be named as nominees for each position. The Official Ballots, with the qualified nominees' names printed thereon, will be available online to member schools on Friday, September 27, 2024. Those ballots must be completed online by 11:59 PM, Thursday, October 10, 2024. The newly elected members will assume duties upon notification of election by the Executive Director.

## Updates

- The timeline for the Choral Literature Review Process will be a February 1st submission date with March 1st communication date for repertoire accepted for the Choral Required List for the State Large Group Festival in May. Updated literature submission and deletion forms will be uploaded to the website.
- An additional Choral Literature submission opportunity will be opened for the Fall of 2024 for the Choral Literature List with an October 1, 2024, submission deadline and November 4, 2024, choral literature review date.
- A recommendation for the State Large Group-Vocal to increase the MAXIMUM performance time from 10 minutes to 12 minutes was presented to the IHSMA Executive Committee and passed.
- The Academic Eligibility Constitutional Amendment moving the period of ineligibility from 30 days to 20 days aligning with athletics passed.
- A charter document for a newly formed Iowa Interscholastic Sports Medicine Advisory Committee was approved. More information will follow in the collaboration between the SMAC committee and the four organizations of the Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation associations and best practice recommendations for the students and activities of our member schools.
- The IHSMA Office will be using Dragon Fly for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Athletic Association and Girls Union have been using the system to pay their officials for the past three years. The system will allow us to streamline our process online and move to direct deposit to pay our adjudicators.

performing at the Class 1A/2A State Baseball Championships in Carroll and students from West Delaware High School, Manchester will be performing at the Class 3A/4A State Baseball Championships in Cedar Rapids on Friday, July 26th. Thank you and congratulations!!

- 2024-2025 National Anthem Performers: We are expanding with TWO Anthem submission opportunities: The first will be video recording due following All-State Auditions to perform at the State Football Semifinals November 13-16 and State Championships November 21-22. We will solicit in December for the IHSAA Championship Series from the 24 opportunities which include Dual Wrestling, Wrestling, Men's Basketball, Track and Field, Soccer, and Baseball. Vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to create recordings through the fall and apply.
- We are researching process, companies, and cost of updating the IHSMA website.

- **Are you a new director and/or in a new high school?** Please follow this link and complete the form: <https://forms.gle/fjUWx8ZkSY8MTk2V8>
- **State Jazz Choir Festival input requested!** Thank you to those that have shared your thoughts in this thriving area!  
<https://forms.gle/MZsZN93EteQMpGtA7>
- **State Marching Band Adjudicators** - The Lead Adjudicators for our eight (8) State Marching Band Festival host sites have been contracted and are assembling their teams. If you are interested in serving as an adjudicator for the State Marching Band Festival, please complete the following Google Form and check your availability on Festival Central. <https://forms.gle/A3RM8rxa8EgVyou6A>
- **Marching Band Opportunity at the State Football Championships on Thursday, November 21st!** Directors interested in the opportunity for your students to perform in the Dome and represent their community at the State Championships, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Ezdi85V8Dsaioqw89>

### Family Week

Family Week is next week, July 28 – August 4, 2024. We hope that our students, parents, directors/coaches, and school administrators have an opportunity to take a breath and enjoy the week. The IHSMA Office will also be closed during this week.

Best wishes for a relaxing week and an outstanding start to the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

Thad K. Driskell, Executive Director  
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