



Dear Colleagues,

All-State Music Festival

The 2024 All-State Audition material has been posted and can be found on the IHSMA website at www.ihsma.org.

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>

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.

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.

Are you a new director and/or in a new high school? Please follow this link and complete the form: <https://forms.gle/fjUWx8ZkSY8MTk2V8>

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee: 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.

Executive Committee: There will be one (1) positions on the Executive Committee up for election this fall and three (3) positions on the District 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.

Enjoy the week ahead!

Best,
Thad K. Driskell, Executive Director
Iowa High School Music Association



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