

ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION POLICY STATEMENTS

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULE

If a band (string, chorus, jazz) program does exist in your school, the student **MUST** be a member of the “appropriate organization” in order to be eligible for IMEA nomination. The term “appropriate organization” means that a student nominated for IMEA chorus audition/participation must, for example, be a member of a chorus at their school; a student nominated for IMEA jazz audition/participation must be a member of a jazz ensemble at their school, etc. (i.e. band membership at their school will not qualify a student for IMEA chorus audition/participation, etc.)

If, however, the “appropriate” musical program (string, for example) does **NOT** exist in your school, the student **MAY** be nominated for IMEA participation by any music teacher in the school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is the policy of the IMEA Board of Directors that students will not be excused from attendance at District Festival rehearsals or concert for any reason. Every student is expected to attend and actively participate in all rehearsals and performances of the assigned organization.

It is also policy that attendance is required at ALL rehearsals of the All-State Festival in order for the student to be allowed to perform in the final concert.

IHSA STRIKE POLICY

The IHSA Board has given us the following policy statement which IMEA will uphold without exception:

“Auditions are part of the entire All-State process and, therefore, students **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in auditions if their school is on strike. However, since the All-State is an on-going process, students **WILL** be allowed to participate in District and All-State Festivals while their schools are on strike, as long as they have started the process by participating in auditions prior to the beginning of their school strike.”

DISTRICT PARTICIPATION POLICY

It is the policy of the IMEA Board of Directors that students will be considered for All-State only if the following two requirements are met:

- 1) Audition within their own geographic IMEA District
- 2) **MUST ATTEND AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in all rehearsals and performances of their assigned organization in their own geographic IMEA District.

The Structure of the IMEA allows for the following variance:

- 1) District 2 and 8 String Nominees will be combined and the orchestra performance will be hosted by alternating Districts each year.
- 2) Attendance and participation at all orchestra rehearsals and performance in the host District (2 or 8) is required to qualify for All-State consideration.