

# **MMEA ALL-STATE ENSEMBLES CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **(SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE)**

All rules and guidelines included in this Code of Conduct are in accordance with MSHSAA policies. It is understood by student participants, their parents or guardians, directors and principals that any infraction of this Code of Conduct constitutes grounds for the student's dismissal from All-State activities by that All-State ensemble's Coordinator and Board of the sponsoring association (MBA, MCDA, MoASTA, MOAJE). Any student dismissed from an All-State ensemble will not be permitted to return home on their own. Their parent or guardian will be called and will be expected to pick them up as soon as possible. It is further understood that any All-State participant dismissed because of infractions of this Code of Conduct will not be eligible for any all-State ensemble the following year.

1. Hotel rooms must be locked at all times. Each individual is responsible for his or her personal property and possessions (e.g. CD/MP3 players, iPods, instruments, jewelry, etc...). Balcony doors should also be locked.
2. Students must remain reasonably quiet at all times in the hotel. TVs, radios and CD/MP3 players must be played at low levels. No playing of instruments in rooms after 9:00 pm or at loud volume levels at any time will not be allowed.
3. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. This includes following instructions from the Chaperones and speaking respectfully to all those in charge.
4. Room assignments and roommates may not be changed. This list has been prepared with care and reason.
5. Students will not be allowed to leave Tan-Tar-A Conference Center/Margaritaville Lake Resort for any reason at any time during the MMEA conference unless it has been approved by the ensemble's Coordinator and the Board of the sponsoring organization. Students will not be allowed to leave to participate in school activities at their own schools or other schools during the MMEA conference.
6. Students are not to charge anything (meals, phone calls, movies, room service, etc...) to any All-State room. After clearing their rooms on Saturday, they should turn their keys in to their ensemble Coordinator. Any damage to a room will be paid for by the students who are responsible, assigned to that room.
7. Students must be in their rooms by (and not leave after) room check, which is 11:00 pm, with lights out at 11:30 pm. If an All-State ensemble rehearsal or picture session lasts past 11:00 pm, room check will be 30 minutes after the rehearsal or picture session is finished. Being on balconies after curfew is considered being out of the room.
8. Boys are not allowed in girls' rooms, girls are not allowed in boys' rooms. If an exception has to be made, a Chaperone must be present.
9. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will not be tolerated. Those students using prescribed medications from their physicians must inform their All-State ensemble Coordinator.
10. All-State participants must attend all scheduled rehearsals while at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center/Margaritaville Lake Resort. Allowable exceptions are: illness or a student's performance with his or her own school group at the MMEA conference. (Those students performing with their school's ensembles at MMEA will be excused from All-State rehearsal 1 hour before that performance and will be expected back 30 minutes after that performance.) In either case, it is the student's responsibility to inform a Chaperone and their All-State ensemble Coordinator.
11. Rehearsals begin on time. Students should arrive early with all necessary items (stand, instrument, pencil, music, etc...).
12. MSHSAA by-law 103 states that "No student, team or activities group shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic events without being accompanied and supervised by a member of the school faculty or administrative staff." This means that a faculty member or administrator from each school represented in the All-State ensembles must be present at registration for the All-State ensembles and on site at Tan-Tar-A or the immediate lake area during the entire MMEA conference. One faculty member or administrator could serve as the supervisor for students from the same school in all four All-State ensembles. A student's parent or faculty member from a neighboring school district would not satisfy the requirement.
13. Tan-Tar-A Conference Center, Margaritaville Lake Resort, MMEA, MBA, MCDA, MoASTA and MOAJE assume no responsibility for any damage or loss to any musical instruments or personal items during the MMEA Conference.

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