Dear Indiana Junior High All-State Orchestra member,

Congratulations again on your acceptance to the 2020 Indiana Junior High All-State Orchestra! I know you are excited and looking forward to the challenges ahead. Please note:

- All-State weekend is January 16th – 18th, 2020 at Trinity Episcopal Church Fort Wayne, in conjunction with the Indiana Music Educators State Music Convention at the Grand Wayne Convention Center.
- If after registering for the event you cannot attend the All-State weekend due to severe illness, death in the family, or any other type of emergency, please contact Ashley Ray at (317) 752-8923 or ashleyelizabethray@gmail.com.
- Complete the acceptance health form through google at https://forms.gle/18bC7ggeCTR9NziGx9 as soon as possible. If you do not have access to a computer, please email ashleyelizabethray@gmail.com for a hard copy of the form.

Final registration will take place at 5:00PM on January 16th, 2020 at Trinity Episcopal Church - 611 W Berry St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The All-State weekend will conclude with a final concert on Saturday at 9:00AM in the Embassy Theatre, 125 West Jefferson Blvd, directly across the street from the Grand Wayne Center (the location of the IMEA State Convention). Students will be busy and active from the time they check-in Thursday evening until the conclusion of the final performance. Please carefully read the ‘General Information’ pages for specific details. Please accept our most sincere congratulations on behalf of the Indiana American String Teachers Association!

Sincerely,

Ashley Ray

Indiana American String Teachers Association
Indiana Junior High All-State Orchestra Coordinator
2020 INASTA Junior High All State Orchestra
General Information

Registration Fee
The fee for Junior High All-State Orchestra is $195, and includes 2 nights stay at the Holiday Inn
IPFW as well as all meals, snacks, and transportation while in Fort Wayne. Please make checks
payable to INASTA and write the student name in the memo line. Payment is due by January
13th, 2020. IMPORTANT: If you need to make other payment arrangements, please let me
know—**we want everyone to participate!** We will work something out with you payment-wise.
Checks, cash or money orders can be sent in the mail to Ashley Ray, 12012 Kimball Run, Fort
Wayne, IN 46845. There is also an option to pay your registration through PayPal at
http://indianaasta.org/junior-high-all-state-orchestra/.

Schedule
On January 16th, 2020, students will report to Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W Berry St, Fort
Wayne, IN 46802. Check-In will take place beginning at 5:00PM (EST) until 6:30. Dinner will be
served during this time. **Students will not be able to check into their rooms at this time.** The
first rehearsal will begin after dinner and there will be ample space in the facility for luggage.
Room check-in will occur later in the evening at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Fort Wayne.
Students (and directors) will receive a detailed weekend schedule prior to the event.

Housing
All participants will be housed at the Holiday Inn Fort Wayne located at 4111 Paul Shaffer Dr. Ft.
Wayne, IN 46825. The hotel phone number is (260) 482-3800. Housing assignments are quad
occupancy. The hotel provides sheets, blankets, towels, and pillows. Please bring the necessary
toiletries, casual dress for rehearsals, and **your junior high school concert performance attire**
**for the concert.** Students are not allowed to leave the hotel at any time. Students’ safety will be
monitored diligently. Students are not permitted outside their rooms after check in/lights out.
**Any student who cannot comply with these reasonable guidelines will be dismissed from the
Junior High All-State Orchestra immediately.** Adult chaperones will be on duty to provide room
check-in service.

Meals
Please clearly list any dietary needs, allergies, or precautions on your health/medical form.
Students who have severe allergies must be proactive and self-monitored. Breakfast, lunch,
dinner, and snacks will be provided on Friday. On Saturday, breakfast, and a snack will be
provided. All students are required to be at these meals. Students may not eat at any other
establishments, or order food to be delivered.

Transportation
Students should be dropped off at Trinity Episcopal Church by a parent, guardian or friend.
Upon arrival at Trinity Episcopal Church, no further personal transportation is needed. Students
will be bussed to and from the Holiday Inn, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Embassy Theatre. Pick up will be at the Embassy Theatre following the final performance.

**Equipment**
In addition to your instrument, equipment, and luggage, you will need to bring:
1. Your music with your name on it
2. A pencil
3. Any necessary miscellaneous equipment, such as a mute, rosin, extra strings, etc.

Rehearsal rooms will be secured during long breaks, however it is not recommended to leave personal items lying around as INASTA cannot assume responsibility for lost or stolen items.

**Open Rehearsals**
All rehearsals are open to directors, private teachers, and parents of Junior High All-State participants WITH THE EXCEPTION of the final sound check Saturday at the Embassy. Directors and teachers are strongly encouraged to attend open rehearsals to show support and also to learn! A detailed rehearsal schedule will be sent via e-mail close to the event date.

**Music and Final Seating Auditions**
You have been assigned a seat/part in the orchestra. Please make sure you are working and preparing your part to the best of your ability. Seating will be shared at our first rehearsal but is subject to change based on director preferences.

**Bring your personal copy of the music with you to rehearsals. PLEASE LEARN AND PREPARE ALL MUSIC TO THE HIGHEST CALIBER BEFORE COMING TO THE ALL-STATE FESTIVAL.** The success of the Junior High All-State Orchestra will depend on your detailed and conscientious preparation of the music. Please begin your preparation right away and seek the assistance of your school director or private instructor. We have very little time to put together a challenging program. Secondary seating auditions may take place during the sectional if the sectional coach deems this necessary. The audition would consist of excerpts from the concert repertoire ONLY (no solos, no scales). YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY PIECE IN ITS ENTIRETY. Again, please prepare diligently.

**Chaperones**
Parents, we are in need of help for setting up meals, purchasing snacks and water (you will be reimbursed) and making sure our kids are where they need to be. If you will be there for the weekend, and would like to help, that would be fantastic. Please let me know as soon as you have a chance by emailing ashleyelizabethray@gmail.com. Chaperones will stay with the group in the hotel both nights.