Arizona All-State Honor Festival of Performance for High School Musicians

The following is a general guide to the AMEA All-State Festival.
For a complete set of policies & procedures, consult this section in the AMEA Activities Handbook.

SPONSOR.
- The Arizona All-Regional and the All-State Honor Festival of Performance for High School Musicians are sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Incorporated (AMEA), and the AMEA constituent organizations, the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association, Incorporated (ABODA) and the Arizona Choral Educators (ACE).

CONCEPTS.
- The Arizona All-Regional and the All-State Honor Festival of Performance for High School Musicians are designed to provide an opportunity of honor performance to as many Arizona High School students as possible. This opportunity is predicated on proficiency of performance and makes no reference to the size of the high school in which the student is enrolled.
- The festivals are addressed to the proposition that all deserving students should be given the opportunity to have the honor performance experience. A realistic look at the logistical problems encountered by this concept will dictate that not all of the students can be accommodated in a single honor performance event.

OBJECTIVES.
- To recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance by High School students.
- To encourage further development of outstanding musicianship among High School students.
- To provide a performance opportunity otherwise not available at the High School level to the state’s future musical leaders.
- To showcase the importance of music as part of a comprehensive education to school administrators and the general public.
- To establish special performance opportunities for the youth of Arizona that are comparable to those in all other states.
- To raise the level of musicality of performance at the High School level.
- To make available a unique in-service educational opportunity for Arizona music educators.

DESCRIPTION.
- The musicians participating in the All-Regional performance groups will have the opportunity to audition for the All-State Honor Festival of Performance.
- The All-State Honor Festival of Performance for High School Musicians is designed to make available an opportunity of honor performance for the most gifted of the Arizona High School musicians.
- The All-State festival has a band, choir and orchestra.

PARTICIPATION.
- All students aspiring for participation in the All-State festival must first be a successful participant in the All-Regional festival.
- All students participating in the All-State festival must be chosen through a live audition process.