

State Achievement Audition - Frequently Asked Questions

When is the State Achievement Audition?

Check the State Achievement Audition main webpage for specific dates.

Where is the State Achievement Audition held?

The OMTA State Achievement Audition is held at the University of Oklahoma in the Catlett Music Center.

What is the difference between District and State Achievement Auditions?

District Achievement Auditions take place across the state February through April. Check the District Centers and Dates webpage for center locations and dates.

The State Achievement Audition takes place in May. Students must participate in the District Achievement Audition and meet the requirements before advancing to the State Achievement Audition.

How do students qualify for the State Achievement Audition?

Students in grades Kindergarten through twelfth grades qualify for the State Achievement Audition based on performance ratings at the District Achievement Audition.

Students receiving a I+, I, or I- at the District Achievement Audition will advance to the State Achievement Audition.

Students receiving a critique only or a II rating or lower do not qualify to participate at the State Achievement Audition and the State entry may be refunded. If a student does not qualify for the State Achievement Audition, it is the responsibility of the teacher to complete the District Refund Request for State in order to receive a refund on the State Achievement Audition entry fee. Deadline to complete the refund request is April 30. Rating will be verified before refund.

What are requirements for the Solo and Merit Divisions?

Solo Division Piano: Students in grades K-12

Solo Division Band and Orchestral Instruments: Students in grades K-12

Solo Division Voice: Students in grades 7-12

Merit Division is open to students in grades K-12 (Voice being an exception) who complete the theory test as part of the requirement for the District Achievement Audition. Students in the Merit Division who receive a I-, are automatically entered in the Solo Division at the State Achievement Auditions. Check the OMTA website for more information.

Merit Division Piano: Students in grades K-12

Merit Division Band and Orchestral Instruments: Students in grades K-12

Merit Division Voice: Students in grades 7-12

Refer to the OMTA for specific requirements for piano, voice, wind, and strings.

Can a teacher change a student's Solo or Merit Division status?

No, once entered, the student must stay in the division in which he/she entered.

What if my student is not ready to perform their Merit Division piece at State?

If a student arrives at the State Achievement Audition with a composition that does not meet the OMTA repertoire guidelines or is different from what was registered, the student will play for critique only. Critique only does not qualify for any awards.

REGISTRATION

When do students register for the State Achievement Audition?

Teachers register students for the State Achievement Audition at the same time as registering students for the District Achievement Audition. Registration for District and State is completed online.

How do I ensure that my students are registered?

The State schedule including audition times and room information will be posted on May 1. Check the State Achievement Audition webpage for more information and a link to the schedule.

DAY OF EVENT

What happens if a student is unable to participate?

The OMTA State Achievement Audition has a no refund policy.

What should my student bring to the State Achievement Audition?

A Performer Information Form (PIF) is encouraged for teachers to share with their students plus the State Achievement Audition critique sheet (specific critiques for Friday and Saturday).

Where should families park?

The Elm Street Parking Facility, second level, south Catlett Music Center, is marked as “no ticketing” during the OMTA State Achievement Audition.

Is there a lost-and-found?

Lost-and-found is located at the Registration Table in Catlett Music Center. Items not claimed by the end of event will be held by the State Coordinator for one month following the State Audition.

Are practice rooms available at OU?

No.

AWARDS

Where do students receive awards after their performance?

All awards are available in the Band Room of the Catlett Music Center. All students must present their critique sheet to receive their appropriate award. Recipients of the Clarence Burg Award, the James M. Breckenridge Award, the Claudia Busse Theory Award, Auda Marie Thomas Award, and the OMTA Theory Award should present their award letter in order to receive their award.

How will my student receive their award letter for the special State awards?

The State Coordinator will email teachers the award letter for each student that will be receiving the Clarence Burg Award, the James M. Breckenridge Award, and the Auda Marie Thomas Award. The OMTA Theory Chair will email teachers the award letter for the Claudia Busse Theory Award and the OMTA Theory Progress Award.

How do I check to see if a student qualifies for the above awards?

Teachers are responsible for completing the online applications by April 15.

Will students be able to purchase music and at the event?

Yes, Edmond Music will have music and merchandise available for sale during the event.

WEATHER

What happens in case of severe weather?

The University of Oklahoma weather alert monitors the closing of events and buildings. This OMTA event is required to follow OU weather guidelines. No refunds are given for weather cancellations.

How will teachers and students be notified of weather cancellations?

An email constant contact will be sent to the OMTA membership and a notification will be posted on the OMTA website for any weather cancellation.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Teachers have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer when completing the online District entry form. Teachers are welcome to choose more than one shift.

Teachers choosing not to volunteer for State will be charged \$50.00.