



TMEA/ATSSB
Joint Agreement
February 13, 2014
effective September 1, 2014



1. All-State Bands

- a. Bands administered by TMEA shall be:
 - i. TMEA Symphonic Band - open to all school classifications.
 - ii. TMEA Concert Band - open to all school classifications.
 - iii. 5A Symphonic Band - open to only 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A classifications.
 - iv. TMEA Jazz Ensemble - open to all school classifications.
- b. Band administered by ATSSB (in affiliation with TMEA) shall be:
 - i. ATSSB Symphonic Band - open to only 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A classifications.
 - ii. ATSSB Concert Band -open to only 3A, 2A and 1A classifications (with the exception of color instruments, restricted to 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A classifications).
 - iii. ATSSB Jazz Ensemble - open to only 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A classifications.

2. Auditions

- a. TMEA Eligibility Rules will be applicable to all Texas All-State Bands.
- b. Auditions for the ATSSB All-State Bands will follow TMEA audition procedures. ATSSB will use its own Prescribed Audition List.
- c. The Entry Cover Sheet filed with the All-State Band entries must include proof of the director's current TMEA membership.
- d. Students auditioning at the Area level for any of the All-State Bands administered by TMEA may not audition at the Area level for any of the All-State Bands administered by ATSSB. Students auditioning at the Area level for All-State Bands administered by ATSSB may not audition at the Area level for any of the All-State Bands administered by TMEA (See Item No. 1 above).
- e. ATSSB appeals will follow the ATSSB Appeals Process. If necessary, appeals may then be referred to the TMEA Presidents Committee for final disposition.
- f. Should ATSSB need legal defense when following established rules, procedures and guidelines as outlined above, TMEA will provide legal representation.

3. Financing

- a. The ATSSB All-State Bands will be financed and administered by ATSSB.
- b. TMEA will provide exhibit hall privileges and a one-year *Southwestern Musician* subscription to the ATSSB All-State students.

4. Publications

- a. Special announcements from ATSSB will be included in the Band Division Column of the *Southwestern Musician* and on the TMEA website as needed.
- b. TMEA and ATSSB will provide a link to the other's website from their own.
- c. ATSSB will continue to publish its own newsletter
- d. ATSSB All-State students shall be listed in all publications or listings of All-State students.

5. Reciprocal Invitations

- a. The ATSSB President shall be invited to all TMEA Band Chair Meetings.
- b. The TMEA Band Vice-President shall be invited to all ATSSB State Board meetings.
- c. Dialogue Committee: The ATSSB Presidents Committee (Immediate Past-President, President, President-Elect, and Executive Secretary), the TMEA Band Vice-President and the TMEA Presidents Committee shall meet at least once annually providing direct communications between the organizations.

6. Amendment/Review

- a. Any changes in configuration of existing ATSSB ensembles must be reviewed by the TMEA Executive Board in collaboration with the ATSSB Presidents Committee.
- b. Any addition of an ensemble by either TMEA or ATSSB must be approved by the TMEA State Board. The following will be considered for the addition of an ensemble:
 - i. There is a need for the ensemble based on the total number of entries versus the percentage of All-State members with respect to classification and division.
 - ii. The overall quality of the new ensemble will meet or exceed that of the current All-State ensembles.
 - iii. The quality of existing All-State ensembles will not be adversely affected.
- c. This alignment agreement shall be reviewed by TMEA and ATSSB for possible revision and/or amendment each year during the Dialogue Committee meeting.

7. New Teacher Recruitment and Retention

- a. TMEA pledges support for ATSSB activities as related to music educator recruitment and retention for small classification schools.
- b. ATSSB pledges support for TMEA as the advocate for fine arts in Texas.