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CONGRATULATIONS! You have been selected as a member of the 2026 ATSSB All-State Band! Fill out the press release available online (<https://www.atssb.org/files/STATE/PressRelease2026.pdf>) and take it *to your local newspapers*.

All instruments except Alto Clarinet and String Bass will audition using the listed excerpts for chair placement at All-State. In each Track, second chair Alto Saxophone and Euphonium, as well as first chair Alto Clarinet and String Bass in the 4A Open Track, will immediately record their area audition etudes at Area. Final selection of the three additional Alto Saxophones and three additional Euphoniums in each Track will take place on Sunday afternoon. A separate panel will adjudicate Alto Clarinet and String Bass. The top-ranked student will be placed in the Symphonic Band, and the second-ranked student will be placed in the Concert Band. Recorded auditions will include all of each etude with no scales. Percussionists may bring their own equipment to San Antonio for chair auditions on Wednesday. However, ATSSB will not be responsible for its transportation, storage or safety.

You and/or your director should make housing arrangements in San Antonio, deciding on roommates (up to 4 to a room) and Designated Chaperones. If you do not sign up for a room by January 15, you will have to make your own arrangements for lodging during the clinic. Your director (or their agent) will complete the reservations through the TMEA website following the Hotel Guide:

<https://www.atssb.org/files/AREA/ASHousingGuide2026.pdf>

You are to check in at Registration in the Hyatt Regency Los Rios Foyer (top of escalator - bring signed documents you download from TMEA, pick up a badge and late-breaking information) beginning at 1:00 p.m., then check into the hotel (or whenever rooms are cleaned and ready for occupancy). ***You will not be allowed to audition for chairs or participate in all-state if you do not have forms properly signed and all information received.*** Your director can download these forms for you from the TMEA website after Area.

There will be a meeting of All-State Band members in the Regency Center Ballroom at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. After the general meeting, auditions will be held in the same facility. Check at registration when you arrive to see if any changes have been made in the chair audition room assignment or audition times. You will be reminded of audition times and rooms at that meeting, so make sure you get checked into the hotel in plenty of time, and make sure you have your audition music, music stand, personal tuner and instrument with you at the meeting. No food or drink is allowed in any meeting rooms except personal water bottles. Please do not wet hats while in rehearsals.

A rehearsal schedule is also available online (<https://www.atssb.org/files/execsec/2026Rehearsals.pdf>). Be sure to keep it with you so you will know when you are to be at rehearsals (remember, being on time is usually LATE for rehearsals!). Your organizational rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 8:30. There are also section rehearsals on Thursday morning.

Thursday and Friday evenings will be available for most students to tour the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio, take in a movie at the Cinema in the RiverCenter Mall, or attend TMEA concerts that are open to the general public. Your ATSSB badge will admit you to the TMEA exhibits and clinics if you can find time to attend (check with your director for a schedule of convention events and activities).

Checkout time at hotels is normally 11:00 a.m. so you will have to check out before you go to the concert unless you have chosen to stay over Saturday night. The hotel will check your luggage during the concert and rooms will be available in which you may change clothes after the concert. Please be aware that there is a dress code for the concert (band uniform or if no band uniform is available, appropriate formal concert attire including coat and tie for men and conservative dresses for women; check with your director if you have concerns). Direct any questions you might have to your band director, your ATSSB Region Coordinator, your ATSSB Area Coordinator, or any officer of the Association.

Once again, congratulations on your selection to the ATSSB All-State Band! We hope the experience is one you will treasure for a lifetime.

Kenneth L. Griffin
ATSSB Executive Director