

## SDHSAA MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2025 AGENDA

Zoom Meeting  
January 21, 2025

6:00pm(CT)

1. Call meeting to order  
Brooks Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Committee members present were:  
Scott Muirhead, Joni Willoughby, Jennifer Loftin, Jessica Perkins, Jeremy Schutter, and Jake Versteeg.
2. Additions to the agenda  
No additions
3. Approve the minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting  
A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Jennifer Loftin, seconded by Joni Willoughby. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Calendar of Music Events for 2025-26
  - a. All State Orchestra Audition Registration Due – September 24, 2025
  - b. All State Chorus Registration Due – October 10, 2025
  - c. All State Orchestra Auditions
    - i. Augustana University – Tuesday, October 14
    - ii. Huron Community Campus – Wednesday October 15
    - iii. Rapid City Central High School – Tuesday, Thursday October 16
  - d. All State Chorus and Orchestra – October 31-November 1, 2025 – Sioux Falls
  - e. All State Band Audition Registrations Due – December 19
  - f. All State Band Auditions
    - January 14, 2026 – Huron Community Campus
    - January 15-17, 2026 – Augustana University
    - January 19, 2026 – Rapid City Central High School
  - g. State Music Education Conference – October 30 – November 2, 2025 – Sioux Falls Convention Center
  - h. SDSU Music Conference, Brookings – February 12-14, 2026
  - i. All State Jazz Band & Show Choir Auditions Registration and Recordings Due – March 13th
  - j. All State Band – March 26-28, 2026 – Rapid City Central High School
  - k. Dates for Solo/Ensemble & Large Group Region Music Contest – February-May, 2026. **NOTE: The earliest date that a Region Contest can be held is Monday of Week 31 (February 2, 2026) the last day a Region Contest can be held is Wednesday of Week 45 (May13, 2026).** Following their submission to the SDHSAA, the Region Contest dates will be posted on the SDHSAA website.
  - l. All State Jazz Band & Show Choir – May 7-9, 2026 – Rapid City Central High School (will change to Mitchell if recommendation is made and gets approved)
5. Items for All-State Music

- a. Make recommendations for future All-State Music conductors/clinicians  
Jennifer Loftin suggested the following conductors for All-State Chorus:  
Colton Blake – Texas  
Matt King- Omaha  
Jodi Coke – Texas
  - b. All-State Band and Orchestra Judging Personnel  
The committee recommends hiring the same judge panels for 2025-26.
6. Consider changes to Spot Check policy, as recommended by the Spot Check Review Committee.

*All schools will get their name entered into a random drawing. Random.org will be used to select 40 schools for spot checks. Any school that is selected that brings more than 1 quartet will get to decide which quartet will sing in the spot check. The SDHSAA will announce the schools being spot checked AND the music selections that will be heard in spot checks on the Monday prior to All-State Chorus. Any schools that fail the spot checks will be placed on probation and will be spot checked the following year. Those schools will be moved to the top of the randomly drawn spot check list. We will still only take 40 quartets, including those on probation. All schools will be placed in the drawing every year.*

Jennifer Loftin motioned, seconded by Scott Muirhead, to approve the new spot check policy, but to include the following:

The SDHSAA will randomly select the quartet number for schools that have more than 1 quartet, and music selections being heard for spot checks will be released on Friday morning of All-State Chorus.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider changes to online rules meeting policy.  
Jeremy Schutter motioned, seconded by Jake Versteeg, to remove the mandatory online rules meeting for music directors. The SDHSA will still create the meeting, but it will no longer be mandatory. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Discuss awarding students who participate in a mix of All-State Chorus and All-State Orchestra for 4 years.  
No changes recommended.
9. Consider using the same piece of music for one or both of the combined Chorus & Orchestra music selections every year.  
This item was tabled. The SDHSAA will survey schools for more input on this topic.
10. Discuss changes to All-State Orchestra audition requirements.

The committee discussed eliminating the music terminology test from the All-State Orchestra audition. Scott Muirhead motioned to eliminate the music terminology test, seconded by Jake Versteeg. The motion failed 3-2, with Scott Muirhead abstaining.

11. Consider proposal to change All-State Orchestra percussion requirements. The change would allow a student to audition on timpani, and a separate audition would be for general percussion and mallets (combined).

The committee discussed the proposal from Rapid City Stevens to change the percussion auditions to a timpani audition and a combined mallet/general percussion audition. No changes were recommended.

12. Consider request from Mitchell High School to serve as yearly hosts for All-State Jazz & Show Choir.

Jeremy Schutter motioned, seconded by Jessica Perkins, to recommend Mitchell High School to become the permanent host for All-State Jazz & Show Choir. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Organization of the Committee Starting in 2025-2026

Scott Muirhead, Class A/B Band rep – West, has finished his term on the committee. Jake Versteeg, Administrator rep, has finished his term on the committee. Nominations for both positions will be accepted via email to Brooks Bowman. Nominees will be placed on a ballot and directors will vote for new representatives.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.