

TMEA/ATSSB Joint Agreement

As agreed by the Dialogue Committee 7-21-21

This agreement is between Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) and the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) for the purpose of supporting the goals and of the ATSSB Bands and Ensembles auditions, clinics, and concerts.

Mutual Commitment

TMEA recognizes ATSSB as a self-governing organization promoting, encouraging participation in and maintaining small school bands in Texas. TMEA and ATSSB agree to work together in the true spirit of partnership to ensure a united visible and responsive leadership. Per the TMEA Constitution, the TMEA “Executive Board shall have authority to plan and execute educational activities such as the presentation of musical organizations and sessions at the annual Clinic/Convention.” TMEA and ATSSB will support the audition, clinic, and concert opportunities for all eligible students by supporting the financial, administrative, and managerial requirements as defined below:

TMEA agrees to the following in support of ATSSB’s audition, clinic, and concert process:

- 1) Provide audition administration software and All-State housing software and provide technical support for their use.
- 2) Provide online All-State student data confirmation/update pages.
- 3) Provide ATSSB updated All-State student data for use on their All-State materials.
- 4) Provide ATSSB All-State student badges for the TMEA Clinic/Convention, which includes access to the exhibit hall. Family members of ATSSB All-State students are provided badges at no fee.
- 5) Provide convention badges for three ATSSB conductors. Conductors who reside in Texas must be an active member of TMEA.
- 6) Secure and schedule rehearsal spaces and concert for ATSSB All-State Bands and Ensembles during the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention.
- 7) If provided by TMEA sustaining member(s), pay all shipping costs for standard percussion equipment for ATSSB All-State Bands and Ensembles.
- 8) Secure TMEA Clinic/Convention housing for three ATSSB conductors and the ATSSB Executive Secretary.
- 9) Secure TMEA Clinic/Convention housing and pay a meal stipend to four ATSSB students who will move equipment and materials.
- 10) Provide legal representation should ATSSB need legal defense related to auditions, clinics, and concerts, when following TMEA policies and procedures.

ATSSB agrees the following in support of ATSSB’s audition, clinic, and concert process:

- 1) Establish a Prescribed Audition List specifically for ATSSB Bands and Ensembles.
- 2) Finance and complete all aspects of administering auditions for ATSSB All-State Bands and Ensembles not otherwise provided by TMEA as specified above.
- 3) Finance and complete all aspects of administering ATSSB Region and All-State Clinics and Concerts.

- 4) To enter/sponsor students in ATSSB auditions, one must hold current Active memberships in TMEA and ATSSB.
- 5) To participate in ATSSB All-State Band and Ensemble auditions and performances, students and member sponsors must comply with Eligibility Requirements for TMEA Activities.
- 6) ATSSB All-State Band and Ensemble(s) will follow TMEA policies and procedures.
- 7) ATSSB appeals will follow the ATSSB appeals process. If necessary, appeals may be referred to the TMEA President's Committee for final disposition.
- 8) Finance sound equipment for ATSSB and TMEA All-State Jazz Ensembles and the TMEA All State Mariachi Ensemble.
- 9) Provide four students, who will be assigned to the TMEA Equipment Manager, to move equipment and materials during the TMEA Clinic/Convention.
- 10) Anything not specified above having to do with ATSSB Region, Area or All-State will be addressed by ATSSB.

Ensemble Modifications

Because of the possible impact to finances, housing, meeting space, equipment, and other resources, to change an existing ATSSB Band or Ensemble or add an ATSSB Band or Ensemble, the following process will be followed:

- 1) The TMEA President's Committee, TMEA Band Chair, TMEA Executive Director, TMEA Deputy Director, ATSSB President's Committee, and the ATSSB Executive Secretary shall meet to discuss the desired change and create an approved proposal that will be presented to the ATSSB State Board and TMEA Executive Board.
- 2) The TMEA Executive Board and ATSSB State Board must both review and approve the proposal for the change to occur with the following exceptions:
 - a. The proposed change does not create an additional financial burden to TMEA.
 - b. The proposed change does not increase the overall number of ATSSB All-State Musicians to more than 306 plus specialty instruments per repertoire needs.
 - c. In cases where modifications satisfy both exceptions, the ATSSB State Board can make ensemble changes without approval of the TMEA Executive Board. The ATSSB State Board must still provide proper notice to TMEA when changes are made in accordance with these exceptions.

TMEA will also commit the following:

- 1) Provide ATSSB All-State students a one-year *Southwestern Musician* subscription (\$8 per student).
- 2) Include ATSSB All-State students in all listings of Texas All- State students.
- 3) Includes a link to the ATSSB website on the TMEA website.
- 4) Include special announcements regarding the ATSSB All-State audition, clinic, concert processes in the Band Division column of *Southwestern Musician* and on the TMEA website as needed.
- 5) Support ATSSB activities as related to music educator recruitment and retention for small classification schools.

ATSSB will also commit the following:

- 1) Include special announcements from TMEA in the ATSSB newsletter and website as needed.
- 2) Include a link to the TMEA website on the ATSSB website.
- 3) Support TMEA's fine arts education advocacy work.

Communication

The ATSSB Presidents Committee, the TMEA Band Chair, and the TMEA Presidents Committee shall meet as needed, providing direct communication between organizations. A meeting may be called by either organization. The ATSSB President will be invited to all TMEA Region Band Chair meetings. The TMEA Band Chair will be invited to all ATSSB State Board meetings-

Agreement Term

This agreement supersedes any previous agreement between TMEA and ATSSB. This agreement will be in effect **August 1, 2021, until August 1, 2022**. This term may be extended on the mutual agreement of the ATSSB State Board and TMEA Executive Board.

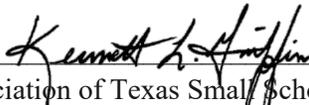
Signatures

This agreement shall be signed on behalf of Texas Music Educators Association by Robert Floyd, TMEA Executive Director, and on behalf of Association of Texas Small School Bands by Kenneth Griffin, ATSSB Executive Secretary.

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date written above.

By: _____ Date: _____

Texas Music Educators Association
Robert Floyd, TMEA Executive Director

By:  _____ Date: August 1, 2021

Association of Texas Small School Bands
Kenneth Griffin, ATSSB Executive Director