

Southeast District Special Zoom Board Meeting
September 18, 2024

A special zoom board meeting was called to discuss the option of allowing a recorded audition of high school honor ensembles due to the fact that KSHSAA has scheduled two state events on the day of live district auditions: State Cross Country and State Volleyball Tournaments.

The following proposal was presented by Cooper Neil, District High School Band Chair:

Annual Meeting

- *Each year at the annual meeting, the Executive Council shall vote on SEKMEA approved conflicts.*
- *Suggested Criteria: KSHSAA Approved state level conflicts*

24/25 Proposed Conflicts for Approval

*State Cross Country
State Volleyball*

25/26 Proposed Conflicts for Approval

*State Cross Country
State Volleyball*

If a student is directly involved in a SEKMEA District Approved Conflicting event, they may request to record their audition.

- *To be considered "directly involved" a student must be on the active roster of the competing team.*
- *Support organizations (spirit squads, pep bands, etc.) or non-roster positions (managers, B-teams, C-teams, etc.) do not qualify as "directly involved"*

If a student meets the criteria of being directly involved in a SEKMEA District Approved Conflicting event, the school's director can take the following action:

1. *Submit a request via email to both the ensemble chairperson and the SEKMEA president for recorded audition by 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the SEKMEA Live Auditions (October 27, 2024). This allows for all state qualifying matches to be completed*
2. *On the Wednesday or Thursday (One day only each year to be selected by chairpersons) prior to auditions (October 30, 2024), the school's director (or a district employee proxy) and approved student auditioner shall travel to the host site of the SEKMEA District Auditions (Pittsburg High School) to have the audition recorded. The audition shall happen at an agreed upon time between the school director, chairperson, and host site manager.*
3. *The audition will be recorded exactly as they would in the audition room. Example: Band would include the chromatic scale, a selected major scale, selected excerpts, and sight reading. NOTE: All audition material shall be announced on the day of recorded auditions to ensure fairness to all auditioners. The audition material will not change after the day of recorded auditions.*

4. *The audition shall be recorded by the ensemble chairperson and host site manager (audio only) in 1 take unless there are recording issues. NOTE: At least one person (either the ensemble chairperson or the host site manager) must not be employed by the auditioning student's school district.*
5. *After the audition has been recorded successfully, the ensemble chairperson will ensure that the recording is played for judges on the day of auditions. The audition shall be heard by the judges once only and shall be judged as if it is a live audition. No review of the audition shall be permitted.*

Audition Procedures

1. *ALL auditions are to be blind with the student behind a screen.*
2. ***ALL** auditions for SEKMEA High School Band will be live auditions with a recording exception allowed for students directly involved in a SEKMEA District Approved Conflicting Event. SEKMEA District Approved Conflicting Events for 2024 include KSHSAA State Cross Country and KSHSAA State Volleyball. See Recorded Audition Exemption tab for detailed information.*
3. *In case of instrumentation shortages, the chairperson will fill spots, according to audition information, as they deem necessary.*

Discussion was held and members were given time to review the proposal. Vote by board members was taken by email, pursuant Board Policy Article IX; Section 1. The proposal as presented by Cooper Neil regarding audition recordings passed and will be effective immediately.