

**RECOGNITION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 23, 2016**

**FINE ARTS**

**District places 11 students on TMEA all-state musical groups**

Students from each of Denton ISD's three high schools were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association's all-state choir, all-state orchestra and all-state band.

Each of these students went through a rigorous process to earn their musical group's top honor, joining a select few students in the state. The 11 Denton ISD students also performed with other top-ranked musicians at the 2016 TMEA State Convention in San Antonio.

**Choir**

The district's three students selected to the all-state choir included:

Denton High School: Courtney Lawson, junior, soprano 2. The Denton choir director is Mark Baker. He is assisted by Nick Vance.

Guyer High School: Kate Gillman, junior, alto 2; and Kylie Jensen, senior, alto 2. The Guyer choir director is Stephen Evans. He is assisted by Rebecca Ginez.

This marks the third consecutive year that Courtney and second consecutive year that Kate and Julia were each selected to the TMEA all-state choir. Denton ISD has placed at least one student on the TMEA all-state choir for 11 consecutive years.

**Band**

The district's two students selected to the all-state choir included:

Guyer High School: Josh Mistrot, senior, euphonium; and Connor Wooley, junior, trombone. The Guyer band director is Amy Woody. She is assisted by Tyler Brinkman and Dr. Ellis Hampton.

Denton ISD has placed three students on the TMEA all-state band in the past five years.

**Orchestra**

The district's six students selected to the all-state orchestra included:

Guyer High School: Inki Lee, senior, violin; Alex Koh, junior, cello; Ethan Nguyn, freshman, double bass; Ian Grems, senior, double bass; Abhishek Shah, junior, violin. The Guyer orchestra director is Michelle Hanlon. She is assisted by Jeremy Atkins.

Ryan High School: Harry Dearman, senior, double bass. The Ryan orchestra director is Jeff Fox.

This marks the third consecutive year that Harry was selected to the TMEA all-state orchestra and third time in four years that Inki was selected. Denton ISD has placed 13 students on the TMEA all-state orchestra in the past seven years.