

The Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) sponsors the annual Illinois Music Education Conference (IMEC), which includes the ILMEA All-State ensembles. These ensembles represent the highest level of achievement for music students in Illinois.

Selection is based on a highly competitive audition process in which students from across the state perform prepared music and complete skill assessments that are evaluated by certified adjudicators. Only the top-scoring students are accepted.

This year, our school is proud to have two students selected for ILMEA All-State participation.

- **Hannah Warren** has been selected to sing **Second Soprano** in the **ILMEA All-State Honors Chorus**.
- **Ivan Shade** has been selected as a **Percussionist** in the **ILMEA All-State Orchestra**.

IMEC will take place January 28–31, 2026 in Peoria. Mr. Dominic LaSalle and Mrs. Stephanie Soltermann will accompany the students to the conference and participate in professional development sessions while they are in rehearsals. Because the students are performing in separate ensembles, their rehearsal schedules and locations will differ. Detailed schedules have not yet been released.

We plan to travel to Peoria after school on Wednesday, resulting in only two days of missed school. Lodging will be required for three nights (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday).

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Stephanie Soltermann
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