

## Local students earn spots in prestigious All State musical ensembles

Thirty-six students from eleven Alachua County Public Schools have been selected as All State Musicians by the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA).

The students will participate in thirteen different All State ensembles at the annual FMEA conference in Tampa from January 10-13. The conference will include workshops, rehearsals and performances with the state's other top young musicians under the leadership of expert conductors.



To earn spots in the All State ensembles, students participated in a rigorous audition process this fall that included musicianship tests, playing scales, sight reading passages, and prepared audition pieces on their respective instruments.

This year Kimball Wiles was one of only two elementary schools in the state to have the maximum number of 10 students selected as Florida All-State musicians. Just 78 students from schools across Florida were selected for the All State Orff Ensemble and 211 students for the Elementary All State Chorus.

“Selection as an All State musician is a testament to the students’ hard work and dedication to their craft and to their music teachers, who work tirelessly to help them prepare,” said Diana Rollo, the district’s fine arts coordinator. “Our district and community recognize the importance of music education in our schools and we’re grateful for the continued support of the One Mill initiative, which helps fund fine arts programs in our schools.”

The One Mill is a ballot initiative first approved by Alachua County voters in 2008 and every four years since then. In addition to music and other arts programs, revenues from the One Mill support academic and career tech magnets, school counselors, media specialists and other critical staff and programs. It’s up for renewal by voters in 2024.

The students named All State musicians, their grade, their All State ensembles, and their instruments/vocal categories are as follows:

Pranay Gadikota	BHS	10	All State Concert Orchestra	Violin
Alicia Parfait	BHS	11	All State Symphonic Band	Clarinet
Timothy Sheridan	BHS	10	All State Concert Band	Euphonium
Madelyn Urbine	BHS	11	All State Symphonic Band	French Horn
Gabriel Zelaya	BHS	11	All State Symphonic Band	Trombone
Harrison Zunkel	BHS	11	All State Symphony Orchestra	French Horn
Josiah Mann	BHS	11	All State Senior High TTBB Chorus	Tenor 2
Sebastian Jeong	EHS	10	All State Concert Orchestra	Viola
Isaac Savin	EHS	12	All State Symphonic Band	Euphonium

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Flora Xu	EHS	10	All State High School Mixed Chorus	Alto 1
Elizabeth Offerle	EHS	12	All State High School Mixed Chorus	Soprano 1
Ketki Bhusari	EHS	11	All State Senior High SSAA Chorus	Soprano 2
Haley Chance	FCMS	8	All State Middle School Band	Clarinet
Jack Wiggins	FCMS	8	All State Middle School Band	Euphonium
Sean Bernard	GHS	12	All State Senior High TTBB Chorus	Tenor 2
Adriel Tan	HBMS	8	All State Middle School Band	Clarinet
Henry Rodgers	KMS	7	Middle School Honor Band	French Horn
Lily Zhou	LMS	8	All State Middle School Band	Alto Saxophone
Alexander Han	LMS	8	All State Middle School Orchestra	Violin
Jasmine Elkotaney	LMS	7	All State Middle School Orchestra	Violin
Shanna Ko	LMS	7	All State Middle School Orchestra	Violin
Kimberly Oh	LMS	7	All State Middle School Orchestra	Violin
Jonathan Pruum	NHS	12	High School Honor Band	Trombone
Diya Mathew	OVMS	8	Middle School Honor Band	Trombone
Kayla Lenius	Wiles	5	All State Orff Ensemble	
Claire Olson	Wiles	5	All State Orff Ensemble	
Juniper Parker	Wiles	5	All State Orff Ensemble	
Haleluya Shimelis	Wiles	4	All State Orff Ensemble	
Theresa Traum	Wiles	5	All State Orff Ensemble	
Aine Cullen	Wiles	4	All State Elementary Chorus	
Joseph Fernandez	Wiles	5	All State Elementary Chorus	
Owen Shenker	Wiles	5	All State Elementary Chorus	
Aubrielle Vetsch	Wiles	4	All State Elementary Chorus	
Chelsea Zou	Wiles	4	All State Elementary Chorus	
Annie Blay	WMS	8	All State Middle School Band	Flute

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