



**The School District of Osceola County, FL**  
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## **Osceola Students Selected For All-State Music Group**

The Florida Music Educators' Association (FMEA) will be holding its 68<sup>th</sup> Annual In-Service Clinic-Conference January 11 – 14, 2012, at the Tampa Convention Center. Accompanying the conference, students of FMEA members, such as the Osceola School District, also come together as members of the All-State Bands, Orchestras, and Choruses for rehearsals over three days culminating in outstanding performances.

Forty-eight talented Osceola School District students have been accepted into an All-State Music group this year:

### **Band**

#### ***All-State Symphonic (11-12) Band***

Kaylyn Hampshire, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Clarinet  
Jon Collazo, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Percussion

#### ***All-State High School Honor Band***

Alexandra Rivera, Osceola High School -- Flute  
Elizabeth Stratman, Harmony High School -- Bari Saxophone  
Alexandra Machecek, Celebration High School -- French Horn

#### ***All-State Concert (9-10) Band***

Alexandra Clouse, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Bb Clarinet  
Thomas Acey, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Bass Clarinet

#### ***All-State Middle School Band***

Lauren Vigo, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Flute  
Alexis Guzman, Osceola County School for the Arts -- French Horn  
Monica Hakim, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Euphonium  
Orlando Ortiz, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Tuba

#### ***All-State 7th and 8th Grade Honor Band***

Nathalie Espinal, Horizon Middle School -- Flute  
Kaley Hyatt, St. Cloud Middle School -- Flute

***All-State Concert (9-10) Orchestra Winds***

Johnathon Pitts, Liberty High School -- Trumpet  
Daisy Smith, Osceola County School for the Arts -- French Horn  
Miguel Santos, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Tuba

**Chorus**

***All-State High School Reading Chorus***

David Peralta, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Bass 1

***All-State High School Mixed Chorus***

Emily Ayala, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Soprano 1  
Kelli White, Osceola High School -- Soprano 1  
Nadia Vega, Osceola High School -- Soprano 2

***All-State High School Mixed Chorus***

Marlyn Sosa, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Alto 1  
Austin Rivers, Osceola High School -- Tenor 1  
Juda Armas, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Bass 1  
Jordan Castillow, Osceola High School -- Bass 2  
Brandon Thompson, Osceola High School -- Bass 2

***All-State Senior High Women's Chorus***

Heidi Mattern, St. Cloud High School -- Soprano 1  
Taylor Bjork, Harmony High School -- Alto 1  
Raquel Velasquez, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Alto 1

***All-State Senior High Men's Chorus***

Nicholas Ikegami, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Tenor 1  
Jose Lopez, Osceola High School -- Bass 2

***All-State Middle School Mixed Chorus***

Nathalie Espinal, Horizon Middle School -- Soprano  
Kelsey Mccracken, Horizon Middle School -- Soprano  
Alyssa Hall, Neptune Middle School -- Alto  
Nadia McClain, Neptune Middle School -- Alto  
Ricardo Rivera, Parkway Middle School -- Alto  
Joseph Brown, Neptune Middle School -- Bass  
Kelly Christlieb, St. Cloud Middle School -- Treble 1  
Brandi Small, Horizon Middle School -- Treble 1

**Orchestra**

***Middle School Honors Orchestra: Violin 2***

Kristen Quinton, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Violin 2

***9-12 Honors Orchestra***

Rebecca Garnica, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Viola  
Andrea Carrion, Osceola County School for the Arts -- Cello

**Elementary All State Choir**

Gabriela Ocasio, Cypress Elementary

Ivanna Aporte-Rodriguez, East Lake Elementary  
Lauren Christopher, Partin Settlement Elementary  
Megan Paswaters, Partin Settlement Elementary  
Juan Romero, Partin Settlement Elementary  
Madison Adams, Pleasant Hill Elementary  
Angie Lopez, Pleasant Hill Elementary

The selection process for All-State is highly competitive and only the finest young musicians from throughout Florida are invited to participate. Over the past four years, Osceola County has steadily increased its success rate for having students accepted into these elite performing ensembles:

2009: 36 students representing 12 school programs accepted

2010: 34 students representing 14 school programs accepted

2011: 36 students representing 16 school programs accepted

2012: 48 students representing 21 school programs accepted

"The fact that our distribution of All-State Music students goes across 21 school programs shows that the quality of music instruction is improving districtwide," said School Board Chairman Cindy Hartig, "Bravo to all the music directors and students for such significant achievement."