

News Release

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Burleson High School Band Student Earns All-State Band Honors

Rhema McGee, Burleson High School sophomore French horn player, earned a position in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band during Area B auditions held Saturday, January 5th, at Midland High School. Area B spans from El Paso through Johnson & Tarrant counties, and is made up of four TMEA regions of the state:

Region 22	El Paso region
Region 6	Midland-Odessa region
Region 7	Brownwood to Fort Worth region
Region 5	Birdville, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Arlington, & Mansfield school districts

Rhema will travel to San Antonio, February 13th through the 17th, to perform at Lila Cockrell Auditorium at the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Center (Downtown San Antonio).

Approximately 30,000 students enter the region level audition state wide. During the first round, each region certifies its top students to Area. Eight French horns advance from each region to area. The Area level audition certifies only six French horns to all-state. Rhema earned 2nd chair out of thirty-two Area Level French horn students.

Students began practicing three college level prescribed etudes in August of 2007. On December 8th, they performed these musical exercises during the first round auditions (region level) at Granbury High School. Following this region level audition, they all advanced to the area level (2nd round) due to high chair placement during the 1st round. It is during the area level audition that students are finally certified to all-state status. Ultimately, the final chair order of each all-state performing ensemble will be established during yet another audition (3rd round) Wednesday night, February 13th, in San Antonio.

Rhema McGee is the daughter of Joe and Sherry McGee. She has been playing the French horn for five years. Her private lesson instructors include Angela Gipson, Anita Bergen, and Karen Houghton of Keller.