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Reagan Students Receive All-State Honors

For the first time in ten years, two Reagan High School Orchestra students earned seats in the All-State Orchestras, the highest honor a high school orchestra student can achieve. In addition to receiving the honor, the students performed in the All-State music group alongside the best musicians Texas has to offer.

The Texas Music Educators Association is the largest music educators association in the country dedicated to music education excellence. TMEA sponsors the annual All-Region and All-State auditions where 64,000 Texas students submit blind recorded auditions in string orchestra, philharmonic orchestra, and symphony orchestra. All-State students participated in a three day rehearsal with a nationally recognized conductor and then performed at the close of the convention to thousands of attendees.

Jared Lange, for bass, and Jenny Zhang, for violin, represented the Reagan High School Orchestra at the TMEA Clinic and Convention. Lange said, "Students who participated in the process are subject to the pressure and stress of the audition while practicing to deliver a performance representative of one's skill level. Success depends on one's ability to stay focused on an ultimate goal. To be accepted into the All-State Orchestra was immensely gratifying for all of the effort invested into the process." Mr. Sixto Elizondo, Reagan High School Director of Orchestras adds, "We are so proud of our two All-State musicians. Their achievement is a culmination of months of practice and years of training."

