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### **BAND MEMBERS EARN ALL-STATE HONORS**

Dripping Springs ISD Seven members of the DSHS Tiger Band earned spots on the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) 5A All-State Band for 2017-18. All-state honors are determined by the results at Area auditions, where individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument. Only the top 3 percent of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

DSHS All-State Band students are: freshman Drew Wilson (alto sax), junior Catherine Manning (flute), sophomore Jessica Heintz (clarinet), senior Brianna Sutter (flute), senior Michael Rolon (baritone sax), sophomore Johnny Dollard (trumpet), and senior Joseph Picardat (string bass). Dollard and Sutter auditioned in the 6A division; the other four were recognized in Class 5A.

This is the second consecutive year Rolan and Sawin have earned all-state recognition. For Dollard, it is his third year to receive this honor.

All-state musical groups will perform for music educators, family members, and the public at the 2018 TMEA Convention, held in San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Feb. 17, 2018. Prior to their performances, students will participate in two days of clinics and rehearsals with some of the best high school musicians in the state.