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### MMEA – Central District Schools

**Worcester County** 

Ashburnham - Oakmont Regional, Cushing Academy

Athol - Athol-Royalston Regional

Auburn

Barre - Quabbin Regional

Berlin - Tahanto Regional

Blackstone - Blackstone-Millville Regional

Bolton - Nashoba Regional

Boylston - Tahanto Regional

Brookfield - Tantasqua Regional

Charlton - Shepherd Hill Regional

Clinton

Douglas

Dudley - Shepherd Hill Regional

East Brookfield - David Prouty Regional

Fitchburg - Fitchburg, Applewild School, St. Bernard's High

School, North Central Essential Charter School

Gardner - Gardner, Sacred Heart School,

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School

Grafton

Hardwick - Quabbin Regional, Eagle Hill School

Harvard - Bromfield School, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holden - Wachusett Regional

Hopedale

Hubbardston - Quabbin Regional

Lancaster - Nashoba Regional, South Lancaster Academy,

Dr. Franklin Perkins School

Leicester

Leominster

Lunenburg

Mendon - Nipmuc Regional

Milford

Millbury

Millville - Blackstone-Millville Regional

New Braintree - Quabbin Regional

North Brookfield - North Brookfield Junior Senior High School

Northborough - Algonquin Regional, St. Bernadette School

Northbridge - Northbridge, Whitinsville Christian School

Oakham – Quabbin Regional

Oxford

Paxton - Wachusett Regional

Phillipston - Narragansett Regional

Princeton - Wachusett Regional

Royalston - Athol-Royalston Regional

Rutland - Wachusett Regional

Shrewsbury - Shrewsbury, St. Johns' High School

Southborough - Algonquin Regional, Fay School, St. Mark's School

Southbridge

Spencer - David Prouty Regional

Sterling - Wachusett Regional

#### Worcester County (cont.)

Sturbridge – Tantasqua Regional

Sutton

Templeton - Narragansett Regional

Upton - Nipmuc Regional

Uxbridge

Warren - Quaboag Regional

Webster - Bartlett

West Boylston

West Brookfield - Quaboag Regional

Westborough

Westminster - Oakmont Regional

Winchendon - Murdock, Winchendon School

Worcester - Worcester, Worcester Academy, Bancroft School,

Holy Name, Massachusetts Academy of Math and

Sciences, Abby Kelley Foster Regional Charter School,

St. Peter Marian Central Catholic, Notre Dame Academy,

St. Mary's High School

Please note that Petersham is the only town in Worcester County not in Central District. Petersham is part of Ralph C. MaharRegional School in Western District.

#### **Hampden County**

Brimfield – Tantasqua Regional

Holland - Tantasqua Regional

Wales - Tantasqua Regional

#### **Middlesex County**

Ashby - North Middlesex Regional

Ashland

Ayer - Ayer, Francis W. Parker Charter School

Dunstable - Groton-Dunstable Regional

Groton - Groton-Dunstable Reg, Groton School,

Lawrence Academy

Holliston

Hopkinton

Hudson - Hudson, Hudson Catholic

Marlborough - Marlborough, Hillside School

Maynard

Pepperell - North Middlesex Regional

Shirley

Stow - Nashoba Regional

Townsend - North Middlesex Regional

#### **Norfolk County**

Bellingham

Franklin- Franklin, Benjamin Franklin Charter School

Medway

\*Please note: All home schools need to have their educational plan through an eligible Central District School.

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#### 2020-2021 District Calendar

#### September 2020

- Wed., Sept. 16 at 4:00 pm - Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA

#### October 2020

- Wed., Oct., 2 at 4:00 pm Junior Festival Manager's Meeting, O'Connor's, Worcester, MA
  - 4:30 pm Executive Board Meeting, O'Connor's, Worcester, MA
  - 5:30 pm General Membership Meeting, O'Connor's, Worcester, MA
  - 6:00 pm Dinner, O'Connor's, Worcester, MA
- Wed., Oct. 21 Senior Festival Audition Registrations are due

#### November 2020

- Wed., Nov. 4 at 4:00pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA
- Sat., Nov. 14 Senior Festival Auditions, TBA (snow date Sun., Nov. 21)

#### December 2020

- Fri., Dec. 4 Senior Festival participation forms due
- Wed., Dec. 16 Junior Festival Audition Registrations are due

#### January 2021

- Wed., Jan. 13 from 3:00 pm 9:00 pm Senior Festival Rehearsals, North Middlesex Reg. HS, Townsend, MA (snow date, Jan. 14)
  - 3:30 pm Manager's Meeting, North Middlesex Regional HS, Townsend, MA
  - 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting, North Middlesex Regional HS, Townsend, MA
- Fri., Jan. 15 from 3:00 pm 9:00 pm Senior Festival Rehearsals, North Middlesex Reg. HS, Townsend (snow date, Sat., Jan. 16)
- Sat., Jan. 16 from 10:00 am 3:00 pm Senior Festival Dress Rehearsal, Mechanics Hall, Worcester
  - 4:00 pm Senior Festival Concert, Mechanics Hall, Worcester (snow date, Mon., Jan. 18)

#### CONCERT ORDER 2021: Chorus, Jazz, Orchestra, Concert Band

- Sat., Jan. 23 All-State Auditions, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury (snow date, Sun., Jan. 24)
- Sat., Jan. 30 Junior Festival Auditions, TBA (snow date, Sun., Feb. 6)

#### February 2021

- Wed., Feb. 3 at 4:00pm - Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA

#### March 2021

- Thurs., March 4 through Saturday, March 6 MMEA All-State Conference and Concert, Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA
- Fri., March 5 Junior Festival participation forms due
- Wed., March 10 at 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA

#### **April 2021**

- Wed., Apr. 7 from 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA
- Mon., Apr. 12 from 3:30 pm 7:30 pm Junior Festival Rehearsal, Bromfield School, Harvard, MA
- Wed., Apr. 28 from 3:30 pm 7:30 pm Junior Festival Rehearsal, Bromfield School, Harvard, MA

#### May 2021

- Sat., May 1 from 9:15 am 3:00 pm Junior Festival Ensemble Dress Rehearsal, (Franklin HS, Franklin, MA)
  - 2:00 pm Junior Festival Jazz Band & Chorus Concert
  - 4:00 pm Junior Festival Orchestra & Concert Band Concert
- Wed., May 5 at 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA

#### June 2021

- Wed., June 9 at 4:00 pm Senior Festival Manager's Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
  - 4:30 pm Executive Board Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
  - 5:30 pm General Membership Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
  - 6:00 pm Dinner, O'Connors, Worcester, MA

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\*Any communication to the board or concert personnel should go through the school music director.

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## General Senior & Junior Festival Information

	Senior Festival Auditions	Junior Festival Auditions		
	Saturday, November 14, 2020 (Snow Date - November 21, 2020) TBA	Saturday, January 30, 2021 (Snow Date - February 6, 2021) TBA		
	Registration Deadline is Wednesday, October 21, 2020	Registration Deadline is Wednesday, December 16, 2020		
Registration	\$10.00 per Audition – Regular Registration \$50.00 per School – Late Registration Fee Mail Audition Registrations, Recap & Fees to: Mr. Steven Archambault CD-MMEA Auditions Coordinator 662 Page Street Lunenburg, MA 01462	All checks and PO's should be made payable to:  "CD-MMEA"		
Limits	Please see page 8 for limits regarding instruments,	voice parts, and ensembles		
	Students in Grades 9-12	Students in grades 7 & 8.		
Eligibility	with a valid NAfME membership. Students may on exceptions:  • Harpists may double audition on another in Jazz auditionees may choose to also audition automatically placed into the Jazz Ensemble. Each instrument must be designated and a separate student) counts toward the school's total limit and I Significant accommodations or disabilities that festival should be made known at the time of regattached sheet.	if one is available, and sponsored by a music teacher ly perform one audition, with the following astrument or voice part.  In for Band, Orchestra or Chorus and will be lee if accepted for both.  If the paid for each audition. Each audition (not each imits per voice part or instrument.  If the paid for each auditions or participation in the gistration — either on the form itself, or on an		
Communication	All important information pertaining to the Festiva <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> . Please check this site regularly. Please contact the Chairperson to make sure your expenses.	Important information may also be sent via e-mail.		
Additional Information	Senior Festival Auditions The audition list and official Central District Senior vocal accompaniment recording will be posted or the Central District website <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> Please contact the Auditions Coordinator if you have trouble downloading it.	recordings, and a 50 second vocal accompaniment sample recording will be posted on the Central District website <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> . Please contact the Auditions Coordinator if you have trouble downloading them.		
	A school representative, who must be present at all times, has to accompany students to the auditions and rehearsals. No photocopies of music are allowed. We do our best to honor scheduling requests where possible.			
Contact Information	All communication must go through the school Parents and students should not contact the Dis For further audition questions, contact the Audisupmug@comcast.net.	trict Personnel directly.		

## Audition Registration Procedure

Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

#### **Registration Process**

- 1. Carefully read through all Festival information.
- 2. Check dates for conflicts
  - Registration deadline
  - Audition date
  - Rehearsal dates
  - Concert date
  - Accepted musicians are expected to participate in all Festival events.
- 3. Complete the appropriate audition registration forms, found on pages 24-28, or complete the online registration forms at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>
  - Vocal
  - Winds/Percussion
  - Strings
  - Jazz
  - Plus the school total "recap" form
- 4. Fill out all school information (while printing legibly) and double check that form is filled correctly and the school principal has signed
- 5. Keep a copy for your records
- 6. Completed forms plus a payment of check, Purchase Order # or actual Purchase Order (made out to "CD-MMEA") should be sent to; Steve Archambault, Audition Coordinator

662 Page Street

Lunenburg, MA 01462

Please attach special requests to your recap form (i.e. time slot, schedule with another school, special accommodations, etc.)

- 7. The Audition Coordinator will process the information and email audition information to the registered school representative(s). The packet will contain audition times, updated information, an updated student registration print out and other pertinent information. It is the responsibility of the music staff to read, share the information, check the registration document for clerical errors, and prepare students for the audition process. All corrections and changes need to be reported ASAP to the Audition Coordinator.
- 8. No changes will be made 7 days prior to the audition day.
- 9. Registration for any festival audition must be done by the school music instructor or a school-appointed education authority and must bear the signature of the appropriate building Principal. Home schooled participants should follow the registration process as stated but as an independent school. As with all schools, each homeschool will need to have the Principal or Superintendent of the school from which its educational plan is filed under, sign the registration form.

#### **Audition Day**

- 1. Any substitutions, additions, or changes in student registration forms, made on the day of auditions, will be assessed a \$10.00 audition fee. There are no refunds for "no-shows."
- 2. A maximum of two (2) changes (addition/substitution), for each school will be allowed on the day of an audition. A **substitution** involves the replacement of a nonparticipating registered student with a different student or the switching of a registered student from one instrument/voice to a different instrument/voice (i.e. soprano to alto, clarinet to trumpet, etc.). An **addition** is the adding of a new student not currently registered.
- 3. An audition fee of \$10.00 is charged for each change and your changes cannot exceed school instrument/voice limitations.
- 4. Illegally copied music is not allowed in the audition rooms.
- 5. It is suggested that groups should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their audition time.

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#### Senior Festival Audition Limits

Level 1: High Schools with student enrollment in grades 9-12 of 1 to 1200 must adhere to the below limits.

Larger schools will find additional limits at the bottom of the page.

#### **CHORAL**

- A maximum of 30 chorus students may register per school
- There is a limit of 7 sopranos and 7 altos per school
- Students should register for a voice part in their appropriate vocal range

#### WIND/PERCUSSION

- A maximum of 30 wind/percussion students may register per school
- There is a limit of 6 per instrument

#### Jr. Percussionists Only

- Percussionists may multiple audition on Snare, Mallet & Timpani pending they are
  - 1. Listed separately for each instrument
  - 2. Pay a separate registration fee for each instrument and
  - 3. Each multiple percussion counts towards a school's total 30-student limit.

#### **STRINGS**

- There is no limit for string instruments
- Harpists and concert pianists may audition on another instrument or voice part

#### JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- A maximum of 16 students may register per school
- There is a limit of 3 per instrument
- Students auditioning for Jazz Ensemble may double audition for one (1) other group pending all registration conditions are met (see list below).
  - 1. Jazz Ensemble & Chorus or
  - 2. Jazz Ensemble & Winds/Percussion or
  - 3. Jazz Ensemble & Strings

NO other combination will be allowed

**Level 2**: High Schools with student enrollment in grades 9-12 of 1201 to 2000 will be allowed to increase the limits by 50% as follows:

- Choral (45 students), maximum of 10 sopranos, 10 altos
- Winds/Percussion (45 students), maximum of 9 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble remains limited to 16 students
- No limit on string instruments

Level 3: High Schools in excess of 2000 students (in grades 9-12) will be allowed to double their limits as follows:

- Choral (60 students), maximum of 14 sopranos, 14 altos
- Winds/Percussion (60 students), maximum of 12 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble remains limited to 16 students
- No limit on string instruments

## Senior Festival Audition Requirements

#### REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Upon entering the audition room, please hand your audition form to the judge. Instrumental students will be allowed to audition either standing or seated, at the student's choice. Please do not tell the adjudicator who your teacher or school is, and please do not wear clothing with your school or town name on it into the audition.

All students must audition on the prescribed audition selection as stated by CD-MMEA. Originals – Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them.

Students may not record their own audition.

Please do not write anything other than your name and school code on the audition form.

#### SENIOR WIND & STRING AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Required solo (check published audition list at www.cdmmea.org),
- 2. Sight-reading (check published guidelines at www.cdmmea.org),
- 3. Scales played from memory These are instrument specific. Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit <a href="http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions">http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions</a> for printable scale sheets. Please note, mallet players will use the All-State Jazz Mallet Scales.

#### SENIOR VOCAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Vocal Requirements**

- 1. Vocal solo selection performed using the official Central District accompaniment recording available on the website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>).
- 2. Interval exercises: Students will be required to sing five intervals chosen at random from the list of intervals available on the Central District website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>). Each exercise will be played once by a prerecorded track, after which the student will sing back the example.
- 3. Sight-reading (check published guidelines at www.cdmmea.org)
- 1. Each student will be asked to sing a Major scale for voice placement only. Any syllable is allowed. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance. The starting note will be played once on a pre-recorded track, after which the student will sing the appropriate major scale.

Soprano – G Major Alto – A Major Tenor – F Major Bass – G Major

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#### SENIOR PERCUSSION AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

ALL Senior Festival *Percussionists* must bring their own snare drum as the tuning and set-up of the instrument used will affect the overall score. ALL Senior Festival *Percussionists* must bring their own mallets.

#### **Senior Percussion**

- 1. ALL percussionists must bring their own snare drum as the tuning and set-up of the instrument used will affect the overall score.
- 2. ALL percussionists should prepare the full solo audition piece for their primary instrument (Snare Drum OR Timpani OR Mallets), as listed in the Audition list.
- 3. ALL percussionists should also prepare the 8 to 12 measure excerpts downloadable from the Central District Website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>) for the other two secondary percussion instruments. For example, if a student chooses to prepare the Snare Drum full solo, they must also prepare the excerpts for Timpani and Mallets.
- 4. Students will sight read on their primary instrument (the instrument on which they prepare the full solo audition piece).
- 5. ALL Percussionists are now also required to play the Auxiliary Percussion Solo. This piece can be found at and downloaded from the Central District Website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>). CD-MMEA will provide auxiliary instruments & mallets.
- 6. The top two scores for snare, timpani, and mallet will be accepted in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score. The remaining percussion section seats will be filled, as needed, based on numerically highest to lowest total composite percussion scores.
- 7. Sight-reading (check published guidelines at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>)

#### Additional percussion requirements:

#### **Snare Drum**

The Snare Drum Rudiments have been updated to match the Percussive Arts Society International Drum Rudiments. Explanations and demonstrations of all rudiments can be found at; <a href="https://www.vicfirth.com/education/rudiments.html">www.vicfirth.com/education/rudiments.html</a>

#### **Snare Drum Rudiments**

- 1. 5 and 9 stroke rolls, alternating (open & closed)
- 2. 7 stroke roll, left hand lead (open & closed)
- 3. flam accent
- 4. single & flam paradiddle
- 5. drag
- 6. triple ratamacue
- 8. flamacue
- 9. flam tap

#### Timpani

- single stroke roll with dynamics ff>pp and pp<ff</li>
- 2. Student should tune timpani to required pitches
- 3. Sight reading on two timpani

#### **Mallets**

- 1. Students must bring their own selection of xylophone mallets.
- 2. Mallet players must be prepared to play on a 3 & 1/3 octave xylophone.
- 3. Scales as posted

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#### SENIOR JAZZ AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Senior Festival Jazz Requirements**

Improvisation Improvisation for ALL players except drums will be "Slow Blues in F," from Volume 2 of the Jamey Abersold Record Series A NEW APPROACH TO JAZZ IMPROVISATION. Comping is described as performing in appropriate rhythmic style to the chord progressions, using a variety of appropriate jazz voicings of the chords in the progression.

Sight-reading Sight reading will be in a jazz style. (check published guidelines at www.cdmmea.org),

#### **Jazz Winds**

- 1. Jazz Solo (see audition list)
- 2. Scales Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales or modes) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions for printable scale sheets.
- 3. Improvisation (see above)
- 4. Each brass student will be asked to play a Major scale for placement and range only. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance, but may be used to determine seating. Trumpet players will be asked to play a three octave G Major scale, trombone students will be asked to play a three octave F Major scale
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style

#### Jazz Piano

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list) melody in right hand with comp changes in left in style of piece
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style with two hands.
- 3. Scales Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales or modes) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit
- http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions for printable scale sheets.
- 4. Improvisation (see above) with the right & comp with the left
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style

#### Jazz Guitar

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list) Play melody
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style.
- 3. Scales Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales or modes) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit

http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions for printable scale sheets.

- 4. Improvisation (see above)
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 6. Guitarists must bring their own amp to auditions

#### **Jazz Bass**

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Play a bass line following the chord changes of the piece in the appropriate style (in eighth notes).
- 3. Scales Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales or modes) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit

http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions for printable scale sheets.

- 4. Improvisation (see above)
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 6. Bass players may play on an acoustic or electric bass
- 7. Bass players are recommended and encouraged to bring their own amp to auditions

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#### **Jazz Drums**

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Trade 4's for 16 bars in each of the following four styles:
  - a. Jazz Waltz (q = 144)
- c. Medium Swing (q = 152)
- b. Latin/Bossa Nova (q = 138) d. Jazz Funk/Rock (q = 100) straight eighth's
- 3. A drum set will be available, but percussionists are welcome and encouraged to bring their own.
- 4. Sight reading in a jazz style

#### **Jazz Vibes**

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list) Play melody
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in an appropriate style.
- 3. Scales Students will be required to learn all major scales (NOT minor scales or modes) and the chromatic scale, as required by MMEA's All-State Festival, please visit

http://massmea.org/newsevents/all-state-festival-concert/auditions for printable scale sheets.

- 4. Improvisation for comments only (see above)
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 6. Vibes will be available for pre-registered auditionees. Students wishing to bring their own are welcome to do so.

### Senior Festival Audition Day Information

Please forward this to all-participating music teachers.

Saturday, November 14, 2020 (Sunday, November 21, 2020 – Snow Date) Date:

In the event of inclement weather, postponement information will be posted on

www.cdmmea.org.

Grafton High School, 24 Providence Rd., Grafton, MA Location:

Audition times will be emailed to the school representative. Times:

Registration (check-in) will begin at 8:00 AM

All communication must go through the proper channels.

#### What to Bring:

In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned to the audition by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the audition process. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to audition. Students may not drive themselves to auditions.

Originals – Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal
markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them.
An accurate list of students in attendance.
Snare Drum & Drum Pad - (All Percussionists) - *playing directly on the drum head in the warm-up
room will NOT be allowed
Amplifier (Jazz Guitar & Bass only – optional but recommended)
Drum set (Jazz Drums only – optional but recommended)

Please note: Student use of all electronic and/or mechanical devices, including, but not limited to metronomes, tuners, cellphones, and audio/video recording devices is prohibited in all CD-MMEA audition rooms.

**Registration:** (1) Chaperone reports to the registration desk with an accurate list of students in attendance. All students remain on the bus. At this time we will be checking for cancellations/substitutions/new registrations/other changes.

> Once registration is completed you will receive your School Code and Audition Forms. Please hand out audition forms on the bus, and instruct your students to fill out the top with their Name, the School Code and Voice Part or Instrument.

#### **Audition:**

Students will enter the building and go to the designated warm up areas with their Audition Form and begin warming up. Each warm up area has a Manager present that will facilitate the audition process. When the student's school code and instrument/voice part are announced, they will walk up to the manager with their Instrument, Music (original) and Audition Form and a volunteer will escort them to the audition room. Upon entering the room the student will hand the Audition Form to the adjudicator and begin the audition. Once the audition is complete, return to the warm up area to pack up and proceed to meet up with your chaperone. The host school will have refreshments on sale and there is a Hospitality Room for chaperones. Absolutely no teachers or parents are allowed in the audition areas.

Results:	After the ensembles have been selected based on student scores, results will be emailed to the school representative. In the case of a tie, ties will be broken based on the tie-breaking policy as posted on the CD-MMEA website at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> .
	Directors will then be mailed their official results packet containing:

□ Town Report
 □ A copy of each student's Score Sheet
 □ Acceptance letter from the Concert Chair - \*as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does not indicate acceptance
 □ All-State Audition Instructions - \* as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does not indicate acceptance

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#### Senior Festival Rehearsal & Concert Information

Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

**Location:** Rehearsals- North Middlesex Regional High School, 66 Brookline Road, Townsend, MA 01469

Concert - Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA 01608

<u>Times:</u> Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Rehearsal (Snow Date – Jan. 14)

Friday, January 15, 2021 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Rehearsal (Snow Date – Jan. 16)

Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:00 AM Rehearsal CONCERT begins 4:00 PM Concert

(Program order: Chorus, Jazz, Orchestra, Band)

Monday, January 18, 2021 SNOW DATE (all times would remain the same as Saturday)

**Registration**: The registration fee for the Central Senior District Festival is \$20.00 per student. Please send Festival

Participation Form (due Friday, December 4, 2020) and payment to:

Mr. Henry Morel Treasurer, CD-MMEA 12 Colwell Drive Cumberland, RI 02864

What to Bring:

In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the each rehearsal, including the dress rehearsal. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to participate in the festival.

☐ Rehearsal Policies & Contract (see Appendix)

☐ Medical Form (see Appendix)

☐ Chaperone Form (see Appendix)

Please make sure these are completed and turned in at the registration desk at the first rehearsal.

#### **Rehearsal Regulations:**

- 1. Due to limited rehearsal time, it is essential that students be on time for all rehearsals. Please be sure to arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time so that students may warm up, tune and be in their seats ready to start the rehearsal at the assigned time. Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory to be eligible for Saturday's performance. Students will not be excused from rehearsals. Each school district must have a designated chaperone in attendance at all times. Students may not leave Mechanics Hall without their approved adult chaperone.
- 2. Directors must notify managers regarding any selected student who is unable to participate in a festival as soon as possible. Only the manager will make substitutions or changes in any Central District performing ensemble. Any accepted student who registers for the festival and does not participate will be ineligible for the following year's festival. Students who miss rehearsals or the performance for a medical reason must have a doctor's note to be considered excused.

#### **Transportation**:

No student may drive to or from rehearsals or be in a car driven by another student. Students not adhering to this policy will be disqualified from the festival and lose their All-State Recommendation. Each school is responsible for its participants.

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Meals: The host school will sell pizza, soda, water and snack food during all meal times.

Students are encouraged to bring money or to bring a bag lunch on all District Rehearsal Days.

General Concert Dress Guidelines: Floor length black dress (no slits), or a white blouse/white collared shirt & black

suitcoat with a dark solid colored tie, black dress pants or a floor length black skirt. Everyone should wear BLACK nylons or socks with black shoes. No jeans, rips, leggings or sneakers. The Ensemble

Manger's letter will contain specific dress details and/or alterations.

**Equipment:** Each participant should have his or her equipment and all accessories in good working order for

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the student at all festival rehearsals.

<u>Tickets:</u> During the first rehearsal, chaperones may purchase no more than (3) tickets per student, at a cost of

\$15.00 each. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis at 5:00pm during the second rehearsal. If tickets remain, they will be sold at the door on Saturday prior to the concert. All NAfME members may request a complimentary Festival Concert ticket by showing their valid

membership card to the ticket seller.

Cancellations: If the rehearsal and concert on January 16, 2021 should be cancelled due to inclement weather, the snow

date is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2021 at the same times. Cancellation will be posted on the

district website www.cdmmea.org as early as possible.

### Senior Festival Scholarship Information

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applicant will graduate from his/her High School, having participated as a member of the 2021 Central District Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, or Chorus and have also been RECOMMENDED for the 2021 All-State Concert Festival in his/her Senior year (acceptance into the All-State Concert Festival is not required).
- Applicant must be accepted to a four year college or university as a major in one of the following fields of concentration: Musicology, Music Theory/Composition, Music Therapy, Music Education, or Music Performance.
- Applicant must be an active member and supporter of his/her High School music
  organization where applicable and in good standing within their school community, and
  must also have been in good standing with the Central District MMEA. (The conductor
  of the high school performing group or the high school principal must submit
  confirmation statement or letter of recommendation.)

#### **Application Procedure:**

- Applicant must return completed application forms and personal statement to the conductor of the High School musical organization in which he/she performed, or the High School Principal.
- Student must return:
  - 1. Student's application form
  - 2. Confirmation statement
  - 3. Separate personal statement from student
- Completed materials should be sent to the CD-MMEA Scholarship Committee.

CD-MMEA Scholarship Committee c/o Mr. Doug Miller Wachusett Regional High School Music 1401 Main Street Holden, MA 01520 Deadline – April 1, 2021

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#### Junior Festival Audition Limits

\*Please note that there are **two different limit structures** for Junior Festival Registrations; one limit structure for ninth grade and one limit structure for seventh & eighth grades

**NINTH** grade limits will be as follows:

#### Level 1: Schools with student enrollment in grade 9 of 1-300:

#### **CHORAL**

- A maximum of 15 chorus students may register per school
- There is a limit of 4 sopranos and 4 altos per school
- There are no limits for baritones
- Students should register for a voice part in their appropriate vocal range

#### WIND/PERCUSSION

- A maximum of 15 wind/percussion students may register per school
- There is a limit of 3 per instrument
- Percussionists may multiple audition on Snare, Mallet & Timpani pending they are
  - 1. Listed separately for each instrument
  - 2. Pay a separate registration fee for each instrument and
  - 3. Each multiple percussion counts towards a school's total 30-student limit.

#### **STRINGS**

- There is no limit for string instruments
- Harpists and concert pianists may audition on another instrument or voice part

#### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

- A maximum of 8 students may register per school
- There is a limit of 2 per instrument
- Students auditioning for Jazz Ensemble may double audition for one (1) other group pending all registration conditions are met (see list below).
  - 1. Jazz Ensemble & Chorus or
  - 2. Jazz Ensemble & Winds/Percussion or
  - 3. Jazz Ensemble & Strings

**NO** other combination will be allowed

#### Level 2: Schools with student enrollment in grade 9 of 301 to 600:

- Choral (22 students), maximum of 5 sopranos, 5 altos, & no limits for baritones
- Winds/Percussion (22 students), maximum of 9 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble (12 students), maximum of 2 students per instrument
- No limit on string instruments

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#### Level 3: Schools with student enrollment in grade 9 in excess of 600:

- Choral (30 students), maximum of 7 sopranos, 7 altos, & no limits for baritones
- Winds/Percussion (30 students), maximum of 6 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble (16 students), maximum of 3 per instrument
- No limit on string instruments

#### SEVENTH & EIGHTH grade limits remain unchanged as follows:

**Level 1:** Junior High Schools (or Middle Schools) with student enrollment in grades 7 & 8 of 1-600:

#### **CHORAL**

- A maximum of 30 chorus students may register per school
- There is a limit of 7 sopranos and 7 altos per school
- There are no limits for baritones
- Students should register for a voice part in their appropriate vocal range

#### WIND/PERCUSSION

- A maximum of 30 wind/percussion students may register per school
- There is a limit of 6 per instrument
- Percussionists may multiple audition on Snare, Mallet & Timpani pending they are
  - 1. Listed separately for each instrument
  - 2. Pay a separate registration fee for each instrument and
  - 3. Each multiple percussion counts towards a school's total 30-student limit.

#### **STRINGS**

- There is no limit for string instruments
- Harpists and concert pianists may audition on another instrument or voice part

#### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

- A maximum of 16 students may register per school
- There is a limit of 3 per instrument
- Students auditioning for Jazz Ensemble may double audition for one (1) other group pending all registration conditions are met (see list below).
  - 1. Jazz Ensemble & Chorus or
  - 2. Jazz Ensemble & Winds/Percussion or
  - 3. Jazz Ensemble & Strings

**NO** other combination will be allowed

Level 2: Junior High Schools (or Middle Schools) with student enrollment in grades 7 & 8 of 601 to 1200::

- Choral (45 students), maximum of 10 sopranos, 10 altos, & no limits for baritones
- Winds/Percussion (45 students), maximum of 3 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble remains limited to 16 students
- No limit on string instruments

Level 3: Junior High Schools (or Middle Schools) with student enrollment in grades 7 & 8) in excess of 1200:

- Choral (60 students), maximum of 14 sopranos, 14 altos, & no limits for baritones
- Winds/Percussion (60 students), maximum of 12 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble remains limited to 16 students
- No limit on string instruments

## Junior Festival Audition Requirements

#### REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Upon entering the audition room, please hand your audition form to the judge. Instrumental students will be allowed to audition either standing or seated, at the student's choice. Please do not tell the adjudicator who your teacher or school is, and please do not wear clothing with your school or town name on it into the audition.

All students must audition on the prescribed audition selection as stated by CD-MMEA. Originals – Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them.

Students may not record their own audition.

Please do not write anything other than your name and school code on the audition form.

#### JUNIOR WIND & STRING AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Required solo (check published audition list at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>),
- 2. Sight-reading (check published guidelines at www.cdmmea.org),
- 3. Scales played from memory These are instrument specific and listed as to be played. See the Central District website at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> for appropriate files.

### JUNIOR VOCAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Junior Vocal Requirements**

- 2. Vocal solo selection performed using the recording available with the solo book. A thirty second sample will be available on the Central District website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>) that will indicate how the selection will begin. Due to copyright laws, we are unable to post the full recording of the selections. The full recordings may be purchased with the book from the publisher or music dealer.
- 3. Sight-reading (check published guidelines at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>),
- 4. Interval exercises: Students will be required to sing four intervals chosen at random from the list of intervals available on the Central District website (<a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>). Each exercise will be played once by a prerecorded track, after which the student will sing back the example.
- 5. Each student will be asked to sing a Major scale for voice placement only. Any syllable is allowed. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance. The starting note will be played once on a pre-recorded track, after which the student will sing the appropriate major scale.

Soprano – G Major

Alto – A Major

Baritone – E Major

#### JUNIOR PERCUSSION AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

ALL Junior Festival *Snare Drum* auditionees must bring their own snare drum as the tuning and set-up of the instrument used will affect the overall score.

#### **Junior Percussion**

ALL percussionists must play the solo listed on the Central District website at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>. ALL percussionists are now also required to play the Auxiliary Percussion Solo Sheet. This is available as a download on the Central District website at <a href="www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>. CD-MMEA will provide auxiliary instruments & mallets. Please note that for the Junior Festival ONLY, percussionists may double audition on multiple percussion instruments, provided that they are registered for each separately, and the fees are paid for both auditions. Students participating in such a double audition need to only complete one auxiliary percussion audition.

Additional percussion requirement follow on the next page.

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#### **Snare Drum**

The Snare Drum Rudiments have been updated to match the Percussive Arts Society International Drum Rudiments. Explanations and demonstrations of all rudiments can be found at; www.vicfirth.com/education/rudiments.html

#### **Snare Drum Rudiments**

- 1. 5 and 9 stroke rolls, alternating (open & closed)
- 2. 7 stroke roll, left hand lead (open & closed)
- 3. flam accent
- 4. flam paradiddle
- 5. single & double paradiddle

#### Timpani

- 1. single stroke roll with dynamics ff>pp and pp<ff
- 2. Student should tune timpani to required pitches
- 3. Sight reading on two timpani

#### **Mallets**

- 1. Students must bring their own selection of xylophone
- 2. Mallet players must be prepared to play on a 3 & 1/3 octave xylophone.
- 3. Scales as posted

#### JUNIOR JAZZ AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Junior Festival Jazz Requirements**

All Junior Festival Jazz Audition solos and performance requirements are available for download from the CD-MMEA Website (www.cdmmea.org).

**Improvisation** Improvisation is *optional* and for *comments only*. It does **not** count toward a student's score. Comping is described as performing in appropriate rhythmic style to the chord progressions, using a variety of appropriate jazz voicings of the chords in the progression.

Sight-reading Sight reading will be in a jazz style. (check published guidelines at www.cdmmea.org),

#### **Jazz Winds**

- 1. Jazz Solo (see audition list)
- 2. Scales All scales should be performed from memory. Students will be asked to play the one scale printed on the audition piece, one major scale (as listed for band) and the chromatic scale (as listed for band - http://www.cdmmea.org).
- 3. Improvisation (see above)
- 4. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 5. Each brass student will be asked to play a Major scale for placement and range only. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance, but may be used to determine seating. Trumpet players will be asked to play a two octave C Major scale, trombone students will be asked to play a two octave Bb Major scale

#### Jazz Piano

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style with both hands.
- 3. Scales All scales should be performed from memory. Students will be asked to play the one scale printed on the audition piece and one major scale as posted at www.cdmmea.org
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 4. Improvisation for comments only (see above)

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#### Jazz Guitar

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style.
- 3. Scales All scales should be performed from memory. Students will be asked to play the one scale printed on the audition piece and one major scale as posted at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>
- 4. Improvisation (see above)5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 6. Guitarists must bring their own amp to auditions

#### Jazz Bass

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Scales All scales should be performed from memory. Students will be asked to play the one scale printed on the audition piece and one major scale as posted at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>
- 3. Improvisation (see above)
- 4. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 5. Bass players may play on an acoustic or electric bass
- 6. Bass players are recommended and encouraged to bring their own amp to auditions

#### Jazz Drums

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list) students should be able to comp the snare drum rhythm in a conversational style between bass drum and snare drum while keeping time with the ride cymbal and hihat
- 2. Trade 4's in a medium swing feel for 16 bars
- 3. Prepare 8 bars of each of the following four styles:
  - a. Jazz Waltz
- c. Medium Swing
- b. Latin/Bossa Nova
- d. Jazz Funk/Rock
- 4. A drum set will be available, but percussionists are welcome and encouraged to bring their own.
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style

#### **Jazz Vibes**

- 1. Jazz solo (see audition list)
- 2. Comp changes of the piece in an appropriate style.
- 3. Scales All scales should be performed from memory. Students will be asked to play the one scale printed on the audition piece and one major scale as posted at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a>
- 4. Improvisation for comments only (see above)
- 5. Sight reading in a jazz style
- 6. Vibes will be available for pre-registered auditionees. Students wishing to bring their own are welcome to do so.

## Junior Festival Audition Day Information Please forward this to all-participating music teachers.

Date:	Saturday, January 30, 2021 (Snow date Saturday, February 6, 2021) In the event of inclement weather, postponement information will be posted on <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> .
Location:	Grafton High School, 24 Providence Rd., Grafton, MA 01519
<u>Times:</u>	Audition times will be mailed to the school representative.  Registration (check-in) will begin at 8:15 AM  All communication must go through the proper channels.
What to Bri	In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned to the audition by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the audition process. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to audition.
	<ul> <li>Originals – Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them.</li> <li>An accurate list of students in attendance.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>□ Snare Drum &amp; Drum Pad - (Snare Drummers only) - *playing directly on the drum head in the warm-up room will NOT be allowed</li> <li>□ Amplifier (Jazz Guitar &amp; Bass only - optional but recommended)</li> <li>□ Drum set (Jazz Drums only - optional but recommended)</li> </ul>
	<b>Please note:</b> The student use of all electronic and/or mechanical devices, including, but not limited to metronomes, tuners, cellphones, and audio/video recording devices is prohibited in all CD-MMEA audition rooms.
Registration	(1) <u>Chaperone</u> reports to the registration desk with an accurate list of students in attendance. All students remain on the bus. At this time we will be checking for cancellations/substitutions/new registrations/other changes. Once registration is completed you will receive your <i>School Code</i> and <i>Audition Forms</i> . Please hand out audition forms on the bus, and have students fill out the top with their <i>Name</i> , <i>School Code</i> , and <i>Voice Part/Instrument</i> .
Audition:	Students will enter the building and go to the designated warm up areas with their Audition Form and begin warming up. Each warm up area has a Manager present that will facilitate the audition process. When the student's school code and instrument/voice part are announced, they will walk up to the manager with their Instrument, Music (original) and Audition Form and a volunteer will escort them to the audition room. Upon entering the room the student will hand the Audition Form to the adjudicator and begin the audition. Once the audition is complete, return to the warm up area to pack up and proceed to meet up with your chaperone. The host school will have refreshments on sale and there is a Hospitality Room for chaperones. Absolutely no teachers or parents are allowed in the audition areas.
	After the ensembles have been selected based on student scores, results will be emailed to the school representative. In the case of a tie, ties will be broken based on the tie-breaking policy as posted on the CD-MMEA website at <a href="https://www.cdmmea.org">www.cdmmea.org</a> .
	Directors will then be mailed their official results packet containing:  Town Report A copy of each student's Score Sheet Acceptance letter from the Concert Chair - *as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does not indicate acceptance
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### Junior Festival Rehearsal & Concert Information

Location:	Rehearsals – TBA Concert – TBA			
Times:	Monday, April 12, 2021 Wednesday, April 28, 2021 Saturday, May 1, 2021 CONCERT begins CONCERT begins	3:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM 9:30 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Concert (Jazz & Chorus) Concert (Orchestra & Band)	
Registration:	ration: The registration fee for the Central Senior District Festival is \$18.00 per student. Please send Festival Participation Form (due by Friday, March 5, 2021) and payment to:  Mr. Henry Morel  Treasurer, CD-MMEA  12 Colwell Drive  Cumberland, RI 02864			
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## FESTIVAL AUDITIONS RECAP FORM

School Name			
Ensemble Director		School Phone	
Participating Stude	nts		
Chorus	Wind/Percussion	String	Jazz
	Total Students	× \$10.00 = \$	_
Check Enclosed	Purchase O	rder Number (enclose copy)	
	third Wed r Festival, this form and th	ne appropriate payment mus dnesday in October. ne appropriate payment mus nesday in December.	·
(A late	fee of \$50.00 will be assessed any	school failing to meet the above dead	llines for payment.)
	Total \$	3	
Please complete and Steve Archambault 662 Page Street Lunenburg, MA 01		ent made out to "CD-MME	A" to:

## WIND & PERCUSSION REGISTRATION FORM

Date	_ School		
School Phone	Ensemble Director	r	
Ensemble Director's NAfME M	Membership Number		
	s, City, State, Zip)		
	be reached on the audition day)		
Contact E-mail	Director of Music		
☐ I have read and underst	and the CD-MMEA Handbook	Ensemble Dire	ctor's Signature
School Principal's Signature			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Instrument

## STRING REGISTRATION FORM

Date	School			
School Phone	Ensemble I	Director		
Ensemble Director's NAfM	IE Membership Number			
School Address (Street Add	lress, City, State, Zip)			
Cell phone (in case you nee	d to be reached on the audition d	ay)		
Contact E-mail	Director of	Music		
☐ I have read and und	lerstand the CD-MMEA Handbo	ook Ensemble I	Director's Signature	
School Principal's Signatur	e			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Instrument	
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## **VOCAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Date	School			
School Phone	Er	semble Director _		
Ensemble Director's NAfM	IE Membership Number			
School Address (Street Add	dress, City, State, Zip) _			
Cell phone (in case you nee				
Contact E-mail	Di	rector of Music _		
☐ I have read and und	derstand the CD-MMEA	. Handbook	Ensemble Director's Si	gnature
School Principal's Signatur	re			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Voice Part	Height (in inches, eg. 65")

## JAZZ REGISTRATION FORM

Date	School			
School Phone	Ensemble	Director		
Ensemble Director's NA	fME Membership Number			
School Address (Street A	address, City, State, Zip)			
Cell phone (in case you n	eed to be reached on the audition	day)		
Contact E-mail	Director of	of Music		
☐ I have read and u	nderstand the CD-MMEA Handl	oook Ensemble D	irector's Signature	
School Principal's Signat	eure			
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## SENIOR FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION FORM

School Name:			
Director Name:			
Phone Number:			
	Bill	ing Address	
Participa	ting Students (please m	ıark non-participati	ng students on back)
	Vocal		
	Winds/Percussion	າ	
	Strings		<u></u>
	Jazz		
	Total students	x \$20.00 = \$	
N	Must be postmarked by	the second Friday i	n December.
	Late Fee (\$50.00) _	Total \$	
Check	Enclosed	_ PO#	_ (Enclose Copy)
(A late fee of \$50.00 will	be assessed to any school fa	ailing to meet the deadli	ne of the second Friday in December.)
	<u>=</u>	nd mail this form to ary P. Morel	:

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Treasurer, CD-MMEA 12 Colwell Drive Cumberland, RI 02864

## JUNIOR FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION FORM

School Name:			
Director Name:			
Phone Number:			
	Bi	lling Address	
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Participa	ting Students (please	mark non-participat	ing students on back)
	Vocal		
	Winds/Percussion	on	
	Strings		
	Total students	x \$18.00 = \$_	
	Must be postmarked	by the second Frida	y in March.
	Late Fee (\$50.00)	Total \$	
Check	Enclosed	PO#	(Enclose Copy)
(A late fee of \$50.00 will	be assessed to any school	failing to meet the dead	line of the second Friday in December.)

Complete and mail this form to:
Henry P. Morel
Treasurer, CD-MMEA
12 Colwell Drive
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## REHEARSAL POLICIES & CONTRACT

Sch	ool Name:	Student Name:
1.	to arrive at least (15) minutes p and be in their seats ready to s <b>rehearsals</b> for the <b>full time</b> to dismissal from the Festival. Ar	it is essential that all students be on time for all rehearsals. Please be sure prior to the scheduled starting time so that students may warm up, tune, tart the rehearsal at the appointed time. Students must participate in <b>all</b> be eligible to perform in the concert. Any unexcused absence will result in my student dismissed from the Festival will forfeit eligibility for the current he following year's Central District Festival.
2.	must register the students at t	nated chaperone in attendance at <b>all times</b> during rehearsals. That person he desk upon arrival at <b>each</b> rehearsal and remain on site for the entire ns which do not have chaperones will forfeit their right to participate in
3.	sponsored by MMEA and/or (another student to any rehears Any violation of this rule will a	cumstances, drive a vehicle to any rehearsal, concert, or audition Central District. No student may be a passenger in a vehicle driven by sal, concert, or audition sponsored by MMEA and/or the Central District. result in <b>automatic expulsion</b> of the student from the festival. Any e that has been recommended for All-State will have that recommendation
4.	school music director or person directors or designees should h	tudents, or private teachers concerning the rules should be directed to the n acting as a designated sponsor of the students to the festival. Only have contact with the concert committee members. Parents and students coordinator or any manager directly.
5.		bited during rehearsals. Hats should not be worn during rehearsals and result in dismissal from the Festival. Such decisions will be made at the Board.
6.		ires and/or receives adult support to be successful in his/her school day, it pol's responsibility that this support is provided to the student at all festival
ent's	Signature:	Date:
ıdent	's Signature:	Date:
orco	ncy Contact:	Phone Number:

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND PRESENTED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT THE FIRST REHEARSAL.

### MEDICAL FORM

Please type or neatly print all information on the form below.

School Code: School Nan	me:
STUDENT EMERGE	ENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION
Student's Name	Male/Female
Date of Birth	Age Grade
Circle: Band   Chorus   Jazz   Orche	estra
Parent/Guardian's Name	
Home Address	TownZip
Home Phone Cell Pho	one Business Phone
In emergency, notify	Relationship
Home Phone Cell Pho	one Business Phone
Medical Insurance Company	Policy Number
Is student taking medication? What?	Dosage
Allergies?	
Please Specify	
Any Illness? Please Specify	
emergency medical information and give my permis described above and the rules and expectations outl performance of my child identified above may be ph	
concerts and all related events, is voluntary and I as MMEA, MMEA and its officers and employees har	icipation in the CD-MMEA Festival, including auditions, rehearsals gree, for myself and on behalf of my child, that I will hold CD-rmless on account of any injuries or property damage that my child l, except to the extent caused by the gross negligence or willful or employees.  Date
r arentz Guardian Signature	Date

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### CHAPERONE DESIGNATION FORM

According to the Central District Music Festival Rehearsal Policies, "Each school must have a designated chaperone in attendance at <u>ALL TIMES</u> during rehearsals. That person must register the students at the desk upon arrival at <u>EACH</u> rehearsal and remain on site for the entire rehearsal period." In order to speed up the registration process we ask that each district fill out this form and turn it in to the registration desk at the first rehearsal.

l Code:	School Name:
	Rehearsal #1
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)
	Rehearsal #2
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)
	Rehearsal #3
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name:	Instrument/Voice:
Home Address (Street Add	ress, City/Town, Zip):
	School:
List school music organizat	tions in which you are an active participant:
	utside of school in which you are an active participant:
	did you participate?
MMEA All-State – Which	years, if any, did you participate?
	ganizations?

Other pertinent musical accomplishments: (Awards, Competitions, etc.)	
(Attach additional sheet if needed)	
Do you study privately?: How many years have you studied?	
Name of College/University/Conservatory you will be attending?	
Indicate your Major area of concentration.	
List any other Awards or Honors that you've earned. (Musical or non-musical):	
Personal Statement - Indicate reasons for:	
<ul><li>a. Pursuing a career in Music</li><li>b. Applying for this MMEA-CD Scholarship (Please attach separate sheet)</li></ul>	
Signature of High School Ensemble Director:	
Director's F-mail Address:	

# APPENDIX

#### SIGHT READING GUIDELINES

#### SENIOR FESTIVAL VOCAL SIGHT READING GUIDELINES

#### Examples will be:

- 1. created using the program Sight Reading Factory set at CDMMEA Senior Vocal level 4,
- 2. in the same clef that the student's solo song part is written,
- 3. written in a Major key of up to 2 sharps or 2 flats with leaps no greater than a 6<sup>th</sup>, no accidentals and may not be in the same key as the solo,
- 4. 8 measures long in either 3/4, or 4/4 time, and may use any or all of the following note values;
  - a. whole notes, half notes & dotted half notes,
  - b. 1/4 notes & simple 1/8 note patterns & dotted 1/4 1/8 patterns,
  - c. 1/2 & 1/4 rests.

#### Sr. Vocal Students:

- 1. will be given "Do" in the sight-reading tonality,
- 2. will be given a maximum of 60 seconds to look at the example before starting to sing,
- 3. while previewing the excerpt, students may tap or hum quietly to themselves,
- 4. must sing written pitches (no humming, whistling, speaking, etc), in order to be fully scored (see audition sheet sight reading),
- 5. may use solfege, numbers or a neutral syllable when they vocalize,
- 6. will have only one opportunity to perform the sight singing example, Requests to restart will not be allowed.

#### SENIOR FESTIVAL INSTRUMENTAL SIGHT READING GUIDELINES

#### Examples will be:

- 1. created using the program Sight Reading Factory set at CDMMEA Senior Instrumental level 4 or 5,
- 2. written in a Major key of up to 4 sharps or 4 flats with accidentals (excluding snare),
- 3. 12 measures long in either 3/4, 4/4 or 6/8 time, and may use any or all of the following note values;
  - a. whole notes, half notes & dotted half notes,
  - b. 1/4 notes 1/8 note patterns & dotted 1/4 1/8 patterns,
  - c. simple 1/8 & 1/16 notes patterns,
  - d. mixed 1/8 & 1/16 notes patterns,
  - e. 1/4 & 1/8 note triplet patterns,
  - f. 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, rest combinations.

#### Sr. Instrumental Students:

- 1. will be given a maximum of 60 seconds to look at the example before starting to play,
- 2. while previewing the excerpt, students may finger, tap or hum quietly to themselves,
- 3. will have only one opportunity to perform the sight singing example, Requests to restart will not be allowed.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note: At this time, Sight Reading Factory does not supply sample Jazz sight reading examples. These will be created using the guidelines above.

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#### JUNIOR FESTIVAL VOCAL SIGHT READING GUIDELINES

### Examples will be:

- 1. created using the program Sight Reading Factory set at CDMMEA Junior Vocal level 1,
- 2. in the same clef that the student's solo song part is written,
- 3. written in a Major key of up to 1 sharps or 1 flat with diatonic step motion only and may not be in the same key as the solo,
- 4. 4 measures long in either 3/4, or 4/4 time, and may use any or all of the following note values;
  - a. whole notes, half notes & 1/4 notes (no 1/8 notes),
  - b. 1/2 & 1/4 rests.

#### Jr. Vocal Students:

- 1. will be given "Do Re Mi Fa Sol Fa Mi Re Do Ti Do,
- 2. will be given a maximum of 60 seconds to look at the example before starting to sing,
- 3. while previewing the excerpt, students may tap or hum quietly to themselves,
- 4. must sing written pitches (no humming, whistling, speaking, etc), in order to be fully scored (see audition sheet sight reading),
- 5. may use solfege, numbers or a neutral syllable when they vocalize,
- 6. will have only one opportunity to perform the sight singing example, Requests to restart will not be allowed.

#### JUNIOR FESTIVAL INSTRUMENTAL SIGHT READING GUIDELINES

#### Examples will be:

- 1. created using the program Sight Reading Factory set at CDMMEA Junior Instrumental level 3 or 4,
- 2. written in a Major key of up to 3 sharps or 3 flats with accidentals (concert pitch),
- 3. 8 measures long in either 3/4 or 4/4 time, and may use any or all of the following note values;
- 4. 1/4 notes & dotted 1/4 notes (including dotted 1/4 1/8 groups),
  - a. whole notes, half notes & dotted half notes,
  - b. simple 1/8 & 1/16 notes patterns,
  - c. 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, rest combinations.

#### Jr. Instrumental Students:

- 1. will be given a maximum of 60 seconds to look at the example before starting to play,
- 2. while previewing the excerpt, students may finger, tap or hum quietly to themselves,
- 3. will have only one opportunity to perform the sight singing example, Requests to restart will not be allowed.

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#### **ENSEMBLE INSTRUMENTATION**

#### Senior & Junior Festival

(Target Numbers) rev. 4/17/18

These numbers are based on years of past practice with some modifications to help maintain high quality balanced ensembles. These target numbers are used as a guide and the executive board reserves the right to alter the number of students accepted based on many variables. Some of these include: # of students auditioning, qualified musicians, literature demands, etc..

#### **Senior Chorus**

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass	Total
45	45	45	45	180

#### Senior Jazz Band

AS	TS	BS	Tpt	Tbn	BTbn+	Drums	S.Bass	Gtr	Piano	Vibes*	Total
2	2	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	19

#### **Senior Concert Band**

Ob	Bn	Fl	Clar	BCl	AS	TS	BS	Tpt	Tbn	FH	Eup h	Tub a	StB *	Snare *	Timp *	Mt*	Total
4	2	12	20	4	6	4	2	16	10	8	5	5	1	4	1	2	106

#### Senior Orchestra

Violin	Viola	Cello	S.Bass	Ob	Bn	Fl	Pic*	Cl	Tpt	Tbn	FH	Tuba	Snare*	Timp*	Mallet*	Total
40	16	16	8	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	1	2	1	1	104

#### **Junior Chorus**

Soprano	Alto	Baritone	Total
60	60	60	180

#### Junior Jazz Band

AS	TS	BS	Tpt Tbn		Drums	S.Bass	Gtr	Piano	Vibes*	Total	
2	2	1	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	19	

#### **Junior Concert Band**

Ob	Bn	Fl	Clar	BCl	AS	TS	BS	Tpt	Tbn	FH	Euph	Tuba	Snare*	Timp*	Mallet*	Total
4	2	16	20	4	6	4	2	16	10	7	5	5	3	1	2	107

#### Junior Orchestra

Violin	Viola	Cello	S.Bass	Ob	Bn	Fl	Pic*	Cl	Tpt	Tbn	FH	Tuba	Snare*	Timp*	Mallet*	Total
40	16	16	6	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	1	2	1	1	102

<sup>\*</sup>The numbers of players per part is dependent on the specific literature that is selected. The executive board oversees the selection of programs and every attempt is made to include more players when musically appropriate. Additional instruments, (i.e. Picc., Eng. Hn, Contr Bn, Eb Clar.), will be assigned as needed.

FYI - Harp & Piano will be auditioned and placed in an as needed basis.

<sup>+</sup> The Jazz bass trombone seat will go to the highest scoring bass trombonist auditioning. In the event, however, there is no bass trombonist auditioning or the quality of those who audition do not meet the level of All State standards as determined by the adjudicator, the student who scores the highest score below the 3rd chair player and also plays a trombone with an F-attachment will be selected to fill the bass trombone chair.

#### SEATING PROCEDURE

#### **STRINGS**

Violin:

The 20 highest scores will be seated in alternating Vn 1 & Vn 2 pairs from highest to lowest accepted score (1-1, 1-2), (2-1, 2-2), (1-3, 1-4), (2-3, 2-4), etc. The next accepted 10 will be placed in the Violin 1 section according to score. The remaining accepted 10 will be placed in the Violin 2 section according to score.

Viola, Cello, String Bass: Seated in numerical order from highest score to lowest accepted score.

#### **WOODWINDS & BRASS**

Beginning with the highest score, seats will be filled as follows;

1-1 Orchestra, 1-1 Band, 2-1 Orchestra, 2-1 Band, 3-1 Orchestra, 3-1 Band, etc.

The remaining seats will be filled alternating between orchestra and band in order from highest score to lowest accepted score (see below).

#### **PERCUSSION**

The top 2 scores for Snare, Timpani & Mallet will be accepted in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score. The remaining percussion section will be filled, as needed, based on numerically highest to lowest total percussion scores. Part assignments will be piece specific based on literature & musical demands.

#### **Band Seating**

When there is a single part – (i.e. tuba – 1,2,3,4,5)

Seated in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score.

When there are multiple parts (i.e. 1st clarinet, 2nd clarinet, 3rd clarinet),

The first stand of each part is seated in sectional order from highest to lowest accepted score. (1-1, 2-1, 3-1), (1-2, 2-2, 3-2), with the remaining seated in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score (ie. 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-3, 2-4, etc.)

French Horns accepted in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score. Part assignments will be piece specific based on High and Low specialties.

#### **JAZZ BAND**

Seated in numerical order from highest to lowest accepted score.

Part assignments will be piece specific based on musical demands.

#### STUDENTS WITH BOTH JAZZ & NON-JAZZ AUDITIONED SCORES

Students that receive a score above the cut off for both ensembles will be placed in Jazz Band.

\*Sr. Festival – Students that receive a score above the All-State cut off, in Jazz and Concert Winds only, will receive All-State Recommendations for both. The director will need to choose one or the other when registering the student for the All-State Audition.

Seating Key: 1-1 (part 1-seat 1), 1-2 (part 1-seat 2), 2-1 (part 2-seat 1), 3-1 (part 3-seat 1), etc.

### TIE-BREAKING GUIDELINES

#### Winds

- 1. Overall Solo Score
- 2. Overall Technique Score
- 3. Overall Musicianship Score
- 4. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 5. Overall Scale Score
- 6. Tone

### Strings

- 1. Overall Solo Score
- 2. Overall Technique Score
- 3. Overall Musicianship Score
- 4. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 5. Overall Scale Score
- 6. Tone

#### Jazz Winds

- 1. Overall Solo Score
- 2. Overall Technique Score
- 3. Overall Interpretation Score
- 4. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 5. Overall Scale Score
- 6. Tone

#### Vocal

- 1. Overall Solo Score
- 2. Overall Vocal Technique Score
- 3. Overall Musicianship Score
- 4. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 5. Overall Tonal Accuracy
- 6. Tone

#### Percussion

- 1. Overall Solo Score
- 2. Overall Auxiliary Score
- 3. Overall Rudiments/Articulation
- 4. Overall Musicianship Score
- 5. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 6. Overall Rudiment Evaluation Score

#### Rhythm (not Drum Set)

- 1. Overall Lead Sheet Score
- 2. Overall Technique Score
- 3. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 4. Interpretation Score

#### **Drum Set**

- 1. Overall Prepared Piece Score
- 2. Overall Technique Score
- 3. Overall Sight-Reading Score
- 4. Medium Swing Score
- 5. Latin/Bossa Nova Score
- 6. Jazz/Funk Score
- 7. Jazz Waltz Score

### GENERAL FESTIVAL MUSIC DELIVERY TIME-LINE

#### TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING THE FESTIVAL AUDITION DATE

- All score corrections reported to Festival Managers.
- Festival Committee finalizes all ensemble placements, and seating. Final information is sent to Bob Pereira working on behalf of David French Music Co. to organize and create all of the music folders.

#### THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING THE FESTIVAL AUDITION DATE

- Folders are given to David French Music Co. to begin to deliver music folders to schools during their normal French Music service visits.
- Schools not serviced by David French Music Co., will either be mailed their music or receive a visit as the French Music representative drives through your area.

#### FOUR WEEKS FOLLOWING THE FESTIVAL AUDITION DATE

- All music should be delivered, pending inclement weather, All-State Festival, school vacation, or other unscheduled interruption.

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE – This service is being provided to CD-MMEA by David French Music Co. and has proven to be both tremendously helpful and a significant cost savings to CD-MMEA, allowing us to keep student fees as low as possible. Though they work to get folders out in a timely fashion, snow days and other interruptions sometimes delay delivery. In the event of a delay in receiving your music, please first check with other people in your building to make sure it hasn't already arrived (the school's secretary and/or other music personnel in your building). If you are sure it has not been received, please contact the auditions coordinator at supmug@comcast.net. Please DO NOT contact David French Music Co. directly.

If you are lucky enough to be handed the music directly by a representative of David French Music Co., please thank them for their support of CD-MMEA!