

Florida Music Educators' Association

2009 All-State Concerts Participant's Contract

The Florida Music Educators' Association sponsors the All-State Bands, Choruses, and Orchestras for the students of the association's member music directors, and is sanctioned by the Florida School Music Association to conduct this event.

Students and parents (or guardians) should read the accompanying materials carefully prior to the audition process conducted by the component music associations of FMEA (the Florida Bandmasters' Association, the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association, the Florida Orchestra Association, or the Florida Vocal Association) and sign to indicate agreement with the principles and rules stated.

Audition Procedures

- The music director of the sponsoring school must be an active member of FMEA and appropriate component music association (FBA, FEMEA, FOA, and FVA) and abide by all regulations, deadlines, and audition requirements set forth herein and in the FBA, FEMEA, FOA, and/or FVA Handbooks.
- The music director signing this form agrees to register and attend the January 2008 Clinic-Conference and to be responsible for assigning chaperons for this student, if accepted, at the All-State Concerts and rehearsals.
- High school students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, or have an executed Academic Performance Contract on file with FSMA and the sponsoring school.

Release for Media

- The signatures below grant permission to FMEA to reproduce, print, or publish photographs or audio/video recordings of my minor child if selected to an All-State performing ensemble. This permission includes all rehearsals, activities, and performances connected with the All-State ensembles at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel, the Tampa Convention Center, and/or the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. I also acknowledge my child's name will be published in the All-State Concert program and will appear in lists of All-State students on a website available to FMEA members.

Registration and Chaperons

- All attendees (music directors, students, chaperons, friends, guests) must be registered to attend the FMEA Annual In-Service Clinic-Conference and All-State Concerts.
- Only music directors may register students or chaperons. Only music directors may pick up registration materials at the convention site, if pre-registered.
- All participating students must be chaperoned. At least one chaperon, other than the music director, is required for every ten (10) students. Groups less than ten still require one chaperon other than the music director. (Note: FEMEA has additional chaperon requirements for elementary aged students.)
- If a participating student is not accompanied by the music director from that student's school, the principal from the school must furnish a letter, *in advance of registration*, designating the person to be responsible for that student. The letter should be addressed to the FMEA Executive Director and submitted with registration materials. Failure to observe this policy may result in the sponsoring school being excluded from participation the following school year.
- Student observers are not permitted to attend the FMEA Annual In-Service Clinic-Conference and All-State rehearsals.
- Music teachers must register for the Clinic-Conference as member directors and be current members of FMEA and the appropriate component music association.
- Name badges must be worn at all times by convention attendees (students, directors, chaperons, and guests.)
- The music director must appear in person at the registration desk and pay the appropriate fee to replace "lost" badges. The original registration receipt must be shown to obtain replacement badges.
- Music directors should use the FSMA Hotel/Motel report (available at registration). Chaperons should check all rooms prior to leaving a hotel/motel for any damages.

Student Rules

- Students accepted for participation in any All-State group agree to attend the FMEA Annual In-Service Clinic-Conference and participate fully in all scheduled rehearsals and performances of the specified All-State Band, Chorus, or Orchestra. Dates for

the Clinic-Conference and All-State events are January 7-10, 2009, and the site will be the Tampa Convention Center and various rehearsal sites.

- Curfew for students on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights is from 11:00 pm until 6:00 am. Curfew for students on Saturday night begins at 11:00 pm or one hour after the end of the concert until 6:00 am. Curfew means that students must be in their rooms and remain there during the hours stated.
- Thirty (30) minutes after curfew, students violating the curfew policy will be subject to dismissal from any All-State group and may be sent home at parent expense.
- Students must maintain reasonable quiet in hotel/motel rooms, both day and night.
- Students may not visit or entertain others of the opposite sex in their hotel/motel rooms.
- Room doors should be locked at all times and extreme care should be taken near hotel window and balconies. Nothing should be thrown from windows or balconies. Students are not allowed on hotel/motel roofs.
- Students are not to visit students/guests in other hotels/motels without their chaperon's permission.
- Students should be transported only in school approved transportation, and are not to be in private cars unless accompanied by a chaperon.
- No alcoholic beverages may be in any participating student's possession at any time.
- The use of illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited.
- The use of tobacco products in public by participating students is prohibited.
- Participating students may not engage in social dates during the convention.
- Participating students should wear appropriate clothing, including shoes, at all times. FMEA requests that school dress codes be observed.

Failure to comply with these regulations may result in the dismissal of a student from any All-State group, and the exclusion of that student from All-State auditions the following school year. Additionally, the principal and music director of a school from which a student has been dismissed for cause, prior to submitting student audition contracts, are required to provide policies to the FMEA Executive Director which address the manner in which they propose to minimize the likelihood of a reoccurrence of such conduct in the following year.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

PRINT STUDENT'S NAME

Music Director's Signature

Student's Signature

Sponsoring School's Full Name

Component Association
(FBA, FEMEA, FOA, FVA)

District #

Date

All-State Ensemble

ATTENTION: PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in the All-State Concerts, you may be entitled to assistance. Please contact the Florida Music Educators Association (Telephone 1-800-301-3632) no later than November 28, 2008, and advise of the nature of the accommodation which you require.