



Texas Music Educators Association

Region IX Orchestra Division

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REGION IX HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA INFORMATION 2009

Please read this information carefully

AUDITION DATES

Strings - Monday, October 26 - **5:00 PM Judges meeting / registration**

Auditions begin: 5:30 PM – Doerre Intermediate School

Winds/Percussion - Monday, November 9- **4:30 PM Judges meeting / registration**

Auditions begin: 5:15PM - Klein Oak High School

Harp/Piano/All-State Strings/Taping - Saturday, October 31 - **9:00 AM Judges**

meeting / registration Auditions begin: 9:30 AM – College Park High School

(Registration and Roll Call will be in the audition rooms 30 minutes prior to audition time)

All-State Recording will begin as soon as possible following the initial live audition.

String students pay a \$25 (cash) recording fee –

Wind/Percussion students pay a \$5 (cash) fee for Area auditions - students will receive an Area patch.

SECTIONALS

Monday, November 16

Wind/Percussion Sectionals - Klein High School – 6:00 – 8:30 PM

String Chair Auditions/Sectionals – Klein High School

Registration, Roll Call, & Judges meeting, - 6:00 pm

REGION CLINIC

Friday, November 20 – 5:45 PM - Klein Forest High School

Saturday, November 21 - 8:45 AM - CONCERT begins at 4:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: PERFORMANCE ATTIRE SHALL BE THE ORCHESTRA OR BAND CONCERT UNIFORM OF THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

ENTRIES (MUST BE ENTERED VIA TMEA WEB SITE)

Deadline—Postmarked *or* in Region Chair's Hands by **Saturday, October 17**

Fee--\$12.00 per student plus \$75.00 surcharge per school

(school check made payable to REGION IX ORCHESTRA)

Copy of Current TMEA Membership Card

Copy of paperwork as generated by TMEA entry engine, signed by director

Complete Biographical information in the form of the Audition Contract will be required for all selected students by 1st Rehearsal

Please see instructions for TMEA Region Audition Entry Process-

AUDITION MUSIC

Strings - Region Orchestra prepare etudes only, as edited by Region IX.

All-State prepare complete etudes & excerpts as per TMEA website.

Wind/Percussion - Music as listed in the TMEA magazine / TMEA website

No Scales required for Region Orchestra Auditions

Please check the TMEA magazine and/or the TMEA website for errata and corrections.

MUSIC FOLDERS

Directors should pick up folders on the day of the audition. Rehearsal schedule will be in the folders. Alternate string players will only be used in the Philharmonic Orchestra and will not receive music until needed. Chair placement of alternates will be at the discretion of the Region Chair. Alternates will not be called after the date of the sectionals. *Please be accurate when picking up student folders. Note that band directors should check that students have received their folder after auditions. Please remind your students to have cash for Area certification.*

RESIDENT DIRECTOR AND SPONSOR

Directors are required to attend all auditions/clinics/concerts. Please bring signed audition contracts for all orchestra members to the first rehearsal. Should it be necessary to be absent (illness, family death, etc.) a proxy must be appointed to accompany the students. **NO STUDENTS SHOULD BE UNACCOMPANIED!! PLEASE NOTE that a parent may not act as a proxy, except in the case of a "home- schooled" student. A GRIEVANCE CAN BE FILED WITH TMEA IF DIRECTOR FAILS TO ATTEND REGION EVENTS WHICH COULD LEAD TO BEING UNEMPLOYABLE BY TMEA.**

STUDENT CANDIDATES

Membership will be forfeited if a student fails to attend all rehearsals. This could affect advancement to area auditions. Disqualification could occur if a student leaves the audition site before the completion of the audition process.

ALL STUDENTS MUST PLEDGE TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS AND CONCERT IF SELECTED.

ALL STUDENTS MUST MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

The Region IX Orchestra Division believes that All-State participation is one of the highest educational processes open to the high school music student. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that every student selected to the All-State Orchestra will have participated in all TMEA Region, Area, and State activities, rehearsals, and concerts to the best of their abilities. *A student who fails to meet their obligations to the Region Orchestra will be entered into the appeals process, possibly jeopardizing their entry in the Area / All State process* Conflicts with other organizations, personal discomforts, personal schedules, etc. will not constitute a reasonable excuse for missing any activities in this region. *Students who withdraw from the All-Region Orchestra without authorization will not be allowed to audition for a Region IX Orchestra event for a period of one year following the offense.* Exceptions: personal illness, hospitalization and doctor's notes will be dealt with individually at the discretion of the Region Chair. The Region Chair must be notified of such special circumstances immediately.