

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble will perform at the January 2021 Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Professional Development Conference in Tampa. Only the finest fourth and fifth grade musicians in the state have been asked to audition for this ensemble, and your child has been so honored.

Your child's music teacher will help to make a video recording. There is a \$15 processing fee that must be sent with the paperwork by October 1, 2020. The audition results will be available on the FEMEA website for the music teacher on October 15, 2020. The decisions of the judges are final, and auditions will not be re-heard. If your child is selected, there will be an FEMEA (Florida Elementary Music Educators Association) materials fee of \$45 that will cover music, materials, clinician's fees and rehearsal video. Additional FMEA Conference fees (online: \$53, *on site* - \$73, 2nd chaperone \$53, *on site* - \$73) will be required. Check with your music teacher for details. Music and a rehearsal video will be made available to the music teacher. ***All fees are non-refundable.***

If your child is selected, your child's name and school will be published on the FEMEA website. You will need to travel to Tampa on Thursday, January 14, 2021 allowing time to park and walk to the Tampa Convention Center. Check-in begins at 10:15 am. You will need to make arrangements to stay for one night, unless you are within commuting distance to the rehearsal and performance site. **It is an All-State policy that children who are not in the ensemble are not allowed in the rehearsals and FMEA does not permit school age children in the Convention Center except to attend the concert.** There are rehearsals Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15, and the concert will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. A parent or adult guardian chaperone (other than the music educator) must accompany the student during all non-rehearsal times. Housing information will be available for your music teacher in early fall. Tickets for family and friends, other than the student's chaperone, will be available.

We are excited this year to have Florida's own **Lisa Hewitt** and **Denise Mills** as our 2021 FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble conductors!

Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the auditions will be disqualified:

1. Membership dues for the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be paid by September 1, 2020.
2. The paperwork must be complete.
3. The audition fees must be attached (\$15 per student).
4. Requisitions, purchase orders, or personal checks cannot be used. Only school or teacher credit cards made payable to FEMEA will be accepted .
5. The audition paperwork should be sent and the video recordings uploaded to the FEMEA website.
6. The postmark must not be later than October 1, 2020.

If you would like for your child to audition for the ensemble, please read all the enclosed pages. Complete the student information and the parent permission sections of the application and return both pages and the \$15 processing fee to the music teacher.

Sincerely,

Music Teacher