



Dear Principal,

Your music teacher recently received an invitation from the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association (FEMEA) to participate in a unique music education opportunity for elementary students and teachers. FEMEA is a component organization of FMEA (Florida Music Education Association). FEMEA will be hosting the FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble in Tampa, Florida January 14-15, 2021. This very prestigious Orff Ensemble for fourth and fifth graders will perform during the annual professional development conference of the FMEA. This Orff Ensemble will perform a concert on Friday, January 15 at 1:00 pm. Each elementary music teacher who is a member of FEMEA may nominate up to five students to audition for the Orff Ensemble. Your music teacher is required to follow the official FEMEA procedures and has these materials available for your review.

FMEA/FEMEA strives to provide relevant and energizing professional development opportunities for music teachers and their students. This All-State Orff Ensemble is a shining example of one such service to membership. There are some expenses involved and we hope that you will assist your parents and your music teacher in securing funding for deserving young musicians from your school.

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

In order for your music teacher and students to participate in the All-State Orff Ensemble, your enthusiastic support will be necessary. Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each participating music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the audition recordings will be disqualified:

1. Membership dues for the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be paid to participate.
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.
7. If you have a student or students who are selected, the materials fee of \$45 per student and \$25 per teacher must be postmarked by November 1, 2020 or the student(s) will not be allowed to participate.

Please contact us if you have questions or if we can assist you or your music teacher in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Mullenix".

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