



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the 2024 Florida Elementary Music Educators Association Northern Regional Festival at the University of Florida. This is quite an honor and we hope that it is an enjoyable and memorable experience for you and your child.

The requirements for this event are included with this letter to help you make the necessary arrangements for your child. You may invite family or friends to the concert on Saturday evening, but seating is limited.

Important Information

- You must register your child for Regionals online at www.femeamember.org/northernregionalinformation. Registration fees can also be found there.
- A parent or guardian other than the music educator is required to accompany each child to the rehearsal site and to supervise the child at all non-rehearsal times, including breaks and meals.
- Children who are not in the FEMEA Northern Regional Festival are not permitted in the rehearsal area, and non-participating school age children are not allowed in the University of Florida campus buildings, except to attend the concert.
- Review the rehearsal schedule to plan meals and healthy snacks for your child. Please note that bringing lunch with you is recommended as you will only have 30 minutes for lunch.
- 100% attendance is required. Students should be in place and ready a minimum of ten minutes before the start time for each rehearsal.

Again, congratulations on this amazing honor. You, your child, and your music teacher should feel very proud to represent your child's school. I look forward to seeing you Saturday, October 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your music teacher.

Sincerely,

Joani Clawson

FEMEA Northern Regional Festival Coordinator
FEMEA Past-President

Northern Regional Rehearsal Schedule

Students must participate in *all* rehearsals and the concert. Times are subject to change.

8:30 am Registration
9:00 -9:45 am Rehearsal Session 1
Mixer Game
10:00 - 10:45 Rehearsal Session 2
10:45 am Break
11:00 - 11:45 am
11:45 - 12:15 pm Lunch Break
12:15 pm Folk Dance Session
12:30 pm Rehearsal Session 3
1:15 pm Break
1:30 pm Rehearsal Session 4
2:30 pm Break
2:45 pm Dress Rehearsal on Stage
3:15 pm Break/Change/Snack
4:30 pm Line Up for Concert
5:00 pm Concert

Participation Requirements

Participants must:

- Wear the appropriate concert attire:
- Chorus: white blouse/button-down shirt, black dress pants or slacks with pockets (no jeans), and black low-heeled (no high heels) dress shoes for the concert performance.
- Orff: red dress shirt black dress pants or slacks with pockets (no jeans), and black low-heeled (no high heels) dress shoes for the concert performance.
- participate in *all* rehearsals and the concert to be held in University of Florida in Gainesville FL, on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**.
- Sign and return the Regional Participant's Contract which specifies appropriate conference behavior.

Participant's Parent/Guardian must:

- register and pay all lodging, food, and transportation costs.
- serve as a chaperone for the child during the rehearsals and concert or designate an adult guardian other than the music teacher to serve as chaperone.
- provide the child with a white button-down shirt, black dress pants (no jeans), and black low-heeled dress shoes for the concert performance for Chorus/Orff.
- Sign the Regional Participant's Contract and any required forms and return it to the music teacher.

All students, chaperones, and music teachers must be in Gainesville FL, at University of Florida on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 8:00 am until the end of performance at approx. 6:00 pm.

Music teachers MUST check in their students at the rehearsal site on **Saturday before 8:30 am**. If the music teacher know that they cannot be present at registration, they should not send students. In case of a last-minute emergency, it is the teacher's responsibility to contact another teacher who will be attending FEMEA Southern Regional and arrange for that teacher to be responsible for you child.

If a registered child is unable to participate in FEMEA Northern Regional Festival, it is the teacher's responsibility to contact the coordinator, Joani Slawson, immediately at joani@femea.flmusiced.org.

 **2024 Northern Regional Parking Map**