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MMEA – Central District Schools

Worcester County

Ashburnham - Oakmont Regional, Cushing Academy Athol - Athol-Royalston Regional Auburn Barre - Quabbin Regional Berlin - Tahanto Regional Blackstone - Blackstone-Millville Regional Bolton - Nashoba Regional Boylston - Tahanto Regional Brookfield - Tantasqua Regional Charlton - Shepherd Hill Regional Clinton Douglas Dudley - Shepherd Hill Regional East Brookfield - David Prouty Regional Fitchburg - Fitchburg, Applewild School, St. Bernard's High School, North Central Essential Charter School Gardner - Gardner, Sacred Heart School, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School Grafton Hardwick - Quabbin Regional, Eagle Hill School Harvard - Bromfield School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Holden - Wachusett Regional Hopedale Hubbardston - Quabbin Regional Lancaster - Nashoba Regional, South Lancaster Academy, Dr. Franklin Perkins School Leicester Leominster Lunenburg Mendon - Nipmuc Regional Milford Millbury Millville - Blackstone-Millville Regional New Braintree - Quabbin Regional North Brookfield - North Brookfield, Valley View School Northborough - Algonquin Regional, St. Bernadette School Northbridge - Northbridge, Whitinsville Christian School Oakham - Quabbin Regional Oxford Paxton - Wachusett Regional Phillipston - Narragansett Regional Princeton - Wachusett Regional Royalston - Athol-Royalston Regional Rutland - Wachusett Regional Shrewsbury - Shrewsbury, St. Johns' High School Southborough - Algonquin Regional, Fay School, St. Mark's School Southbridge Spencer - David Prouty Regional Sterling - Wachusett Regional Worcester County (cont.)

Sturbridge - Tantasqua Regional Sutton Templeton - Narragansett Regional Upton - Nipmuc Regional Uxbridge Warren - Quaboag Regional Webster - Bartlett West Boylston West Brookfield - Quaboag Regional Westborough Westminster - Oakmont Regional Winchendon - Murdock, Winchendon School Worcester - Worcester, Worcester Academy, Bancroft School, Holy Name, Massachusetts Academy of Math and Sciences, Abby Kelley Foster Regional Charter School, St. Peter Marian Central Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, St. Mary's High School Please note that Petersham is the only town in Worcester County not in Central District. Petersham is part of Ralph C. Mahar Regional School in Western District.

Hampden County

Brimfield – Tantasqua Regional Holland – Tantasqua Regional Wales – Tantasqua Regional

Middlesex County

Ashby – North Middlesex Regional Ashland Ayer – Ayer, Francis W. Parker Charter School Dunstable – Groton-Dunstable Regional Groton – Groton-Dunstable Reg, Groton School, Lawrence Academy Holliston Hopkinton Hudson – Hudson, Hudson Catholic Marlborough – Marlborough, Hillside School Maynard Pepperell – North Middlesex Regional Shirley Stow – Nashoba Regional Townsend – North Middlesex Regional

Norfolk County

Bellingham Franklin- Franklin, Benjamin Franklin Charter School Medway

2015-2016 District Calendar

September 2015

- Wed., Sept. 9 at 4:00pm - Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School

October 2015

- Tues., Oct. 6 at 4:00pm Managers Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 4:30pm Executive Board Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 5:30pm General Membership Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 6:00pm Dinner, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
- Wed., Oct 21 Senior Festival Audition Forms Due

November 2015

- Wed., Nov. 4 at 4:00pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School
- Sat., Nov. 14 Senior High Auditions (All Ensembles), Grafton High School, Grafton, MA (snow date Sat. Nov. 21)

December 2015

- Fri., Dec. 11 Senior Festival Participation Forms Due
- Wed., Dec. 16 Junior Festival Audition Forms Due

January 2016

- Wed., Jan. 13 from 3:00pm-9:00pm Senior Concert Rehearsal, Wachusett Reg. HS, Holden, MA (snow date Jan. 14th) at 3:30pm Managers Meeting, Wachusett Reg. HS, Holden, MA
 - 4:00pm Executive Board Meeting, Wachusett Reg. HS, Holden, MA
- Fri., Jan. 15 from 3:00pm-9:00pm Senior Concert Rehearsal, Wachusett Reg. HS, Holden, MA (snow date Jan. 16th)
- Sat., Jan. 16 from 10:00am-3:00pm Senior Concert Dress Rehearsals, Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA (snow date Jan. 18th)

at 4:00pm – Senior Concert, Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA

- (Concert Order: Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz, Chorus)
- Sat. Jan 23- All State Auditions, Shrewsbury High School (snow date Jan, 24th)
- Sat. Jan 30- Junior Concert Auditions, Grafton High School, Grafton, MA (snow date Feb. 6)

at 10:30am - Executive Board Meeting

March 2016

- Wed., Mar. 2 at 4:00pm Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School
- Fri., Mar. 4 Junior Festival Audition Forms Due
- Thurs. Mar. 10-Sat. Mar. 12 MMEA All-State Conference

April 2016

- Mon., Apr. 11 3:30-7:30pm Junior Festival Rehearsal, Milford High School, Milford, MA at 4:00pm Executive Board Meeting
- Wed., Apr. 27 3:30-7:30pm Junior Festival Rehearsal, Milford High School, Milford, MA
- Sat., Apr. 30 at 2:00pm Junior Festival, Concert (Jazz and Chorus), Leominster High School, Leominster, MA at 4:00pm Junior Festival, Concert (Orchestra & Band), Leominster High School, Leominster, MA

May 2016

-Wed., May 4 - Executive Board Meeting, Shrewsbury High School

June 2016

- Tues., June 7 at 4:00pm Managers Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 4:30pm Executive Board Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 5:30pm General Membership Meeting, O'Connors, Worcester, MA
 - 6:00pm Dinner, O'Connors, Worcester, MA

Central District

2015-2016 Executive Board

*Any communication to the board or concert personnel should go through the school music director. Parents and students should not contact the board or managers directly.

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Festival Audition Procedures					
	Senior Festival Auditions	Junior Festival Auditions			
	Saturday, November 14, 2015	Saturday, January 30, 2016			
	(Snow Date - November 21, 2015)	(Snow Date - February 6, 2016)			
	Grafton High School, Grafton, MA	Grafton High School, Grafton, MA			
	Registration Deadline is	Registration Deadline is			
	Wednesday, October 21, 2015	Wednesday, December 16, 2015			
	\$7.00 per Audition – Regular Registration				
	\$50.00 per School – Late Registration Fee				
Registration	legistration				
-	Mail Audition Registrations, Recap & Fees to:				
	Mr. Steven Archambault				
	CD-MMEA Auditions Coordinator 662 Page Street				
	Lunenburg, MA 01462				
	Maximum of 30 total chorus students per school				
	Limit of 7 sopranos and 7 altos per school				
	Maximum of 30 total wind/percussion students per sc	chool			
	Limit of 6 per wind or percussion instrument				
Limits	Maximum of 16 jazz students per school				
	Limit of 3 students per jazz instrument <i>High Schools in excess of 2,000 students may double</i>	wood wind & narroussion limits			
	Jazz limits remain at 16 total students and three per i				
	There are no limits for string instruments				
	Students in Grades 9-12	Students in grades 7 & 8.			
	To participate in CD-MMEA festivals, students must be members of their school music performance				
	group (approved by the school's music department) if one is available, and sponsored by a music teacher				
	with a valid NAfME membership. Students may only	perform one audition, with the following exceptions:			
Eligibility	Harpists may double audition on another ins	trument or voice part.			
	Jazz auditionees may choose to also audition				
	Each instrument must be designated and a separate fe				
	student) counts toward the school's total limit and lim Significant accommodations or disabilities that ma				
	should be made known at the time of registration -				
	All important information pertaining to the Festival w				
Communication	www.cdmmea.org. Please check this site regularly. Ir				
	Please contact the Chairperson to make sure your e-mail address is accurate.				
	The condition list and a Christ Control District and a				
	The audition list and official Central District vocal accompaniment recording will be posted on the	The audition list, jazz solos and MP3 recordings			
	Central District website <u>www.cdmmea.org</u> . Please	will be posted on the Central District website			
Additional	contact the Auditions Coordinator if you have	www.cdmmea.org. Please contact the Auditions			
Information	trouble downloading it.	Coordinator if you have trouble downloading them.			
mormation					
A school representative, who must be present at all times, has to accompany students to the auditions. I photocopies of music are allowed. We do our best to honor scheduling requests where possible.					
Contact	Parents and students should not contact the District Personnel directly.				
Information	For further audition questions, contact the Auditio	ons Coordinator, Steve Archambault at			
	supmug@comcast.net.				

Festival Audition Procedures

Senior Festival Audition Day Information Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

<u>Date:</u>		Saturday, November 14, 2015 (Saturday, November 21, 2015 – Snow Date) In the event of inclement weather, postponement information will be posted on <u>www.cdmmea.org</u> .
Location:		Grafton Memorial High School, 24 Providence Rd., Grafton, MA
<u>Times:</u>		Audition times will be mailed to the school representative. Registration (check-in) will begin at 8:00 AM All communication must go through the proper channels.
<u>What to Brin</u>	1 <u>2:</u>	In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned to the audition by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the audition process. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to audition. Students may not drive themselves to auditions.
		Originals – Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them. An accurate list of students in attendance.
		Snare Drum & Drum Pad - (<i>All Percussionists</i>) – * <i>playing directly on the drum head in the warm-up room will NOT be allowed</i> Amplifier (<i>Jazz Guitar & Bass only – optional but recommended</i>) Drum set (<i>Jazz Drums only – optional but recommended</i>)
		<i>Please note:</i> The student use of all electronic and/or mechanical devices, including, but not limited to metronomes, tuners, cellphones, and audio/video recording devices is prohibited in all CD-MMEA audition rooms.
<u>Registration:</u>	<u>.</u>	(1) Chaperone reports to the registration desk with an accurate list of students in attendance. All students remain on the bus. At this time we will be checking for cancellations/substitutions/new registrations/other changes. Once registration is completed you will receive your <i>School Code</i> and <i>Audition Forms</i> . Please hand out audition forms on the bus, and instruct your students to fill out the top with their <i>Name</i> and the <i>School Code</i> .
Audition:		Students will enter the building and go to the designated warm up areas with their <i>Audition Form</i> and begin warming up. Each warm up area has a Manager present that will facilitate the audition process. When the student's school code and instrument/voice part are announced, they will walk up to the manager with their Instrument, Music (original) and <i>Audition Form</i> and a volunteer will escort them to the audition room. Upon entering the room the student will hand the <i>Audition Form</i> to the adjudicator and begin the audition. Once the audition is complete, return to the warm up area to pack up and proceed to meet up with your chaperone. The host school will have refreshments on sale and there is a Hospitality Room for chaperones. Absolutely no teachers or parents are allowed in the audition areas.
<u>Results</u> :		er the ensembles have been selected based on student scores, results will be mailed to the school representative. In the case of a tie, will be broken on compared scores in the following categories, in order of priority. 1. Overall Solo Score 2. Overall Musicianship/Interpretation Score 3. Overall Sight-Reading Score
		ectors will receive a results packet containing: Town Report Cut-off Scores A copy of each student's Score Sheet Acceptance letter from the Concert Chair - *as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does not indicate acceptance

All-State Audition Instructions - * as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does **not** indicate acceptance

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Central District

Senior Festival Information

Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

Location:	Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St., Wachusett, MA & Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, MA			
<u>Times:</u>	Wednesday, January 13, 20163:00 PM - 9:00 PMRehearsal (Snow Date - Jan. 14)Friday, January 15, 20163:00 PM - 9:00 PMRehearsal (Snow Date - Jan. 16)Saturday, January 16, 201610:00 AMRehearsalCONCERT begins4:00 PMConcertMonday, January 18, 2016SNOW DATE (all times would remain the same as Saturday)			
<u>Registration</u> :	The registration fee for the Central Senior District Festival is \$20.00 per student. Please send Festival Participation Form and payment to: Mr. Henry Morel Treasurer, CD-MMEA 50 Fox Run Road Blackstone, MA 01504			
What to Bring:	In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the each rehearsal, including the dress rehearsal. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to participate in the festival. Rehearsal Policies & Contract Medical Form Chaperone Form Please make sure these are completed and turned in at the registration desk at the first rehearsal.			
<u>Rehearsal</u> <u>Regulations:</u>	Due to limited rehearsal time, it is essential that students be on time for all rehearsals. Please be sure to arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time so that students may warm up, tune and be in their seats ready to start the rehearsal at the assigned time. Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory to be eligible for Saturday's performance. Students will not be excused from rehearsals. Each school district must have a designated chaperone in attendance at all times. Students <u>may not</u> leave Mechanics Hall without their approved adult chaperone.			
Transportation:	No student may drive to or from rehearsals or be in a car driven by another student. Students not adhering to this policy will be disqualified from the festival and lose their All-State Recommendation. Each school is responsible for its participants.			
<u>Meals:</u>	The host school will be selling pizza, soda, water and snack food during all meal times. Students are encouraged to bring money or to bring a bag lunch on all District Days.			
<u>Concert Dress</u> :	Girls: All black. Girls may wear choose to wear a floor length black dress, or a black blouse with black dress pants or a floor length black skirt. They should also wear BLACK nylons and black shoes. Boys: Dark pants and dark jacket (preferably black), a white shirt, dark, solid colored tie, dark socks and dark shoes. No jeans or sneakers.			
<u>Equipment:</u>	Each participant should have his or her equipment and all accessories in good working order for rehearsals and the concert. Students should bring music, a pencil and a folding music stand (instrumentalists only) to all rehearsals. Cello and Bass players must have rubber tips on endpins.			
Medical Aid:	A nurse will be on duty for all rehearsals and for the concert.			
<u>Tickets:</u>	During the first rehearsal, chaperones may purchase no more than (3) tickets per student, at a cost of \$15.00 each. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis at 5:00pm during the second rehearsal. If tickets remain, they will be sold at the door on Saturday prior to the concert. All NAfME members may request a complimentary Festival Concert ticket by showing their valid membership card to the ticket seller.			
<u>Cancellations:</u>	If the rehearsal and concert on January 16, 2016 should be cancelled due to inclement weather, the snow date is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016 at the same times. Cancellation will be posted on the district website <u>www.cdmmea.org</u> as early as possible.			
Additional Informa	tion: Directors must notify managers regarding any selected student who is unable to participate in a festival as soon as possible. Only the manager will make substitutions or changes in any Central District performing ensemble. Any accepted student who registers for the festival and does not participate will be ineligible for the following year's festival. Students who miss rehearsals or the performance must have a doctor's note to be considered excused.			

Central District

Junior Festival Audition Day Information

Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016 (Snow date Saturday, February 6, 2016) In the event of inclement weather, postponement information will be posted on www.cdmmea.org.

Location: Grafton Memorial High School, 24 Providence Rd., Grafton, MA

Times:Audition times will be mailed to the school representative.
Registration (check-in) will begin at 8:15 AM
All communication must go through the proper channels.

What to Bring: In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned to the audition by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the audition process. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to audition.

- □ Originals Students must have originals of the music to audition. Photocopies with rehearsal markings are acceptable only if the student also has the original in the audition with them.
- \Box An accurate list of students in attendance.
- Snare Drum & Drum Pad (Snare Drummers only) *playing directly on the drum head in the warm-up room will NOT be allowed
- Amplifier (*Jazz Guitar & Bass only optional but recommended*)
- Drum set (*Jazz Drums only optional but recommended*)

Please note: The student use of all electronic and/or mechanical devices, including, but not limited to metronomes, tuners, cellphones, and audio/video recording devices is prohibited in all CD-MMEA audition rooms.

- **Registration:** (1) Chaperone reports to the registration desk with an accurate list of students in attendance. All students remain on the bus. At this time we will be checking for cancellations/substitutions/new registrations/other changes. Once registration is completed you will receive your *School Code* and *Audition Forms*. Please hand out audition forms on the bus, and instruct your students to fill out the top with their *Name* and the *School Code*.
- Audition: Students will enter the building and go to the designated warm up areas with their *Audition Form* and begin warming up. Each warm up area has a Manager present that will facilitate the audition process. When the student's school code and instrument/voice part are announced, they will walk up to the manager with their Instrument, Music (original) and *Audition Form* and a volunteer will escort them to the audition room. Upon entering the room the student will hand the *Audition Form* to the adjudicator and begin the audition. Once the audition is complete, return to the warm up area to pack up and proceed to meet up with your chaperone. The host school will have refreshments on sale and there is a Hospitality Room for chaperones. Absolutely no teachers or parents are allowed in the audition areas.
- **<u>Results</u>**: After the ensembles have been selected based on student scores, results will be mailed to the school representative. In the case of a tie, ties will be broken on compared scores in the following categories, in order of priority.
 - 1. Overall Solo Score
 - 2. Overall Musicianship/Interpretation Score
 - 3. Overall Sight-Reading Score

Directors will receive a results packet containing:

- □ Town Report
- □ Cut-off Scores
- \Box A copy of each student's Score Sheet
- □ Acceptance letter from the Concert Chair **as this is in all packets, receipt of this letter does not indicate acceptance*

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Junior Festival Information

Location:		als – Milford High School, 31 W – Leominster High School, 122			
<u>Times:</u>	Wedneso Saturday	, April 11, 2016 lay, April 27, 2016 , April 30, 2016 CERT begins	3:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM 9:30 AM 2:00 PM	Rehearsal Rehearsal Rehearsal Concert	
<u>Registration</u> :	The regis payment		or District Festival is \$18.00 per stu	Ident. Please send Festival Participation Form and	
What to Bring:	In accordance with MMEA policies, all students must be chaperoned by their own school music personnel, or other authorized agents of the school. The chaperone(s) must remain on site for the duration of the each rehearsal, including the dress rehearsal. Students who arrive without a chaperone forfeit their right to participate in the festival.				
	Rehearsa Medical Chaperon	ne Form	npleted and turned in at the registra	ation desk at the first rehearsal.	
<u>Rehearsal</u> Regulations:	Due to limited rehearsal time, it is essential that students be on time for all rehearsals. Please be sure to arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time so that students may warm up, tune and be in their seats ready to start the rehearsal at the assigned time. Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory to be eligible for Saturday's performance. Students will not be excused from rehearsals. Each school district must have a designated chaperone in attendance at all times.				
Transportation:	No student may drive to or from rehearsals or be in a car driven by another student. Students not adhering to this policy will be disqualified from the festival and lose their All-State Recommendation. Each school is responsible for its participants.				
<u>Meals:</u>	The host school will be selling pizza, hot dogs, soda and snack food during all meal times. Students are encouraged to bring money or to bring a bag lunch on all District Days.				
Concert Dress:	Girls: All black. Girls may wear choose to wear a floor length black dress, or a black blouse with black dress pants or a floor length black skirt. They should also wear BLACK nylons and black shoes. Boys: Dark pants, a white shirt, dark, solid colored to dark socks and dark shoes. No jeans or sneakers.				
<u>Equipment:</u>	Each participant should have his or her equipment and all accessories in good working order for rehearsals and the concert. Students should bring music, a pencil and a folding music stand (instrumentalists only) to all rehearsals. Cello and Bass players must have rubber tips on endpins.				
Medical Aid:	A nurse	will be on duty for all rehearsals	s and for the concert.		
<u>Tickets:</u>	During the first rehearsal, chaperones may purchase no more than (3) tickets per student, at a cost of \$15.00 each. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis at 5:00pm during the second rehearsal. If tickets remain, they will be sold at the door on Saturday prior to the concert. All NAfME members may request a complimentary Festival Concert ticket by showing their valid membership card to the ticket seller.				
<u>Additional Inforn</u>	<u>nation:</u>	possible. Only the manager wi accepted student who registers	ll make substitutions or changes in for the festival and does not partic	ho is unable to participate in a festival as soon as any Central District performing ensemble. Any ipate will be ineligible for the following year's ave a doctor's note to be considered excused.	

Audition Requirements

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Upon entering the audition room, please hand your audition form to the judge. Instrumental students will be allowed to audition either standing or seated, at the student's choice. Please do not tell the adjudicator who your teacher or school is, and please do not wear clothing with your school or town name on it into the audition.

All students must audition on the prescribed audition selection as stated by CD-MMEA. Photocopied music cannot be used. Students may not record their own audition. Please do not write anything other than your name and school code on the audition form.

WIND & STRING AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Required solo (check published audition list at www.cdmmea.org),

2. Sight-reading - The student will have one minute to examine the sight-reading. While previewing the excerpt, the student may tap and/or hum or sing quietly to themselves.

3. Scales played from memory – These are instrument specific. See the Central District website at <u>www.cdmmea.org</u> for appropriate files.

VOCAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Senior Vocal Requirements

- 1. Vocal solo selection performed using the official Central District recording available on the website (www.cdmmea.org).
- Interval exercises: Students will be required to sing five intervals chosen at random from the list of intervals available on the Central District website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>). Students will be asked to sing one selected interval from each line. Each exercise will be played twice on the keyboard, after which the student will sing back the example.
- 3. The student will sight-sing an eight measure phrase in a major tonality. The excerpt may not be in the same key as the required solo. Any major key signature through 4 sharps/4 flats may be used. The time signature will be either 2/4, 3/4, or 4/4 meter. Soprano/alto/tenor will be in G-clef (tenor sung down the octave), and bass in F-clef (same example as Sop., Alto, and Tenor). Students will need to know where "Do" is. Both the rhythm and pitches of the sight reading exercise will be adjudicated at the same time.

The student will be given, from the keyboard a tonic major triad, followed by the tonic "Do," note. The student will have one minute to examine the sight-reading. While previewing the excerpt, the student may tap and/or hum or sing quietly to themselves. They will again be given the tonic major triad, followed by the tonic note. The student then sings the exercise. Solfege syllables, numbers, neutral syllables or any other method maybe used for both this section and intervals.

4. Each student will be asked to sing a Major scale for voice placement only. Any syllable is allowed. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance.

Soprano – G Major Alto – A Major Tenor – F Major Bass – A Major

Junior Vocal Requirements

- 1. Vocal solo selection performed using the recording available with the solo book. A thirty second sample will be available on the Central District website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>) that will indicate how the selection will begin. Due to copyright laws, we are unable to post the full recording of the selections. The full recordings may be purchased with the book from the publisher or music dealer.
- 2. Interval exercises: Students will be required to sing four intervals chosen at random from the list of intervals available on the Central District website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>). Each exercise will be played twice on the keyboard, after which the student will sing back the example.
- 3. There is NO sight-reading for the Junior Festival vocal auditions.

PERCUSSION AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

ALL Senior Festival *Percussionists*, and ALL Junior Festival *Snare Drum* auditionees must bring their own snare drum as the tuning of the instrument used will affect the overall score. ALL Senior Festival *Percussionists* must bring their own mallets.

Senior Percussion

- 1. ALL percussionists must bring their own snare drum as the tuning of the instrument used will affect the overall score.
- 2. ALL percussionists should prepare the full solo audition piece for their primary instrument (Snare Drum OR Timpani OR Mallets), as listed in the Audition list.
- 3. ALL percussionists should also prepare the 8 to 12 measure excerpts downloadable from the Central District Website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>) for the other two secondary percussion instruments. For example, if a student chooses to prepare the Snare Drum full solo, they must also prepare the excerpts for Timpani and Mallets.
- 4. Students will sight read on their primary instrument (the instrument on which they prepare the full solo audition piece).
- 5. ALL Percussionists are now also required to play the Auxiliary Percussion Solo. This piece can be found at and downloaded from the Central District Website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>).
- 6. Ensemble selection will be based on the students' composite scores.

Junior Percussion

All percussionists must play the solo listed on the Central District website at <u>www.cdmmea.org</u>. ALL percussionists are now also required to play the Auxiliary Percussion Solo Sheet. This is available as a download on the Central District website at <u>www.cdmmea.org</u>.

Additional percussion requirements:

Snare Drum

Explanations and demonstrations of all rudiments can be found at; www.vicfirth.com/education/rudiments.html

Senior Snare Drum Rudiments

- 1. 5 and 9 stroke rolls, alternating (open & closed)
- 2. 7 stroke roll, left hand lead (open & closed)
- 3. flam accents 1 and 2
- 4. single & flam paradiddle
- 5. ruff
- 6. triple ratamacue
- 7. flamacue

Timpani

- 1. single stroke roll with dynamics ff>pp and pp<ff
- 2. Student should tune timpani to required pitches
- 3. Sight reading on two timpani

Mallets

- 1. Students must bring their own selection of xylophone mallets.
- 2. Mallet players must be prepared to play on a 3 & 1/3 octave xylophone.
- 3. Scales as posted

Junior Snare Drum Rudiments

- 1. 5 and 9 stroke rolls, alternating (open & closed)
- 2. 7 stroke roll, left hand lead (open & closed)
- 3. flam accents 1 and 2
- 4. flam paradiddle
- 5. single & double paradiddle

JAZZ AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Senior Festival Jazz Requirements

Improvisation	Improvisation for ALL players except drums will be "Slow Blues in F," from Volume 2 of the Jamey Abersold Record Series A NEW APPROACH TO JAZZ IMPROVISATION. Comping is described as performing in appropriate rhythmic style to the chord progressions, using a variety of appropriate jazz voicings of the chords in the progression.
Jazz Winds	 Jazz Solo (see audition list) Scales (same as Band) Improvisation (see above) Each brass student will be asked to play a Major scale for placement and range only. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance, but may be used to determine seating. Trumpet players will be asked to play a three octave G Major scale, trombone students will be asked to play a three octave F Major scale
Jazz Piano	 Jazz solo (see audition list) – melody in right hand with comp changes in left in style of piece Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style with two hands. Scales (4#'s to 4b's) as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet Improvisation (see above) with the right & comp with the left
Jazz Guitar	 Jazz solo (see audition list) – Play melody Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style. Scales (4#'s to 4b's) as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet Improvisation (see above) Guitarists must bring their own amp to auditions
Jazz Bass	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Play a bass line following the chord changes of the piece in the appropriate style (in eighth notes). Scales (4#'s to 4b's) as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet Improvisation (see above) Bass players may play on an acoustic or electric bass Bass players are recommended and encouraged to bring their own amp to auditions
Jazz Drums	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Trade 4's in a medium swing feel for 24 bars Prepare 8 bars of each of the following four styles: a. Jazz Waltz (q = 144) b. Latin/Bossa Nova (q = 138) d. Jazz Funk/Rock (q = 100) - straight eighth's A drum set will be available, but percussionists are welcome and encouraged to bring their own.
Jazz Vibes	 Jazz solo (see audition list) – Play melody Comp changes of the piece in an appropriate style. Scales (4#'s to 4b's) as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet Improvisation for comments only (see above) Vibes will be available for pre-registered auditionees. Students wishing to bring their own are welcome to do so.

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	Junior Festival Jazz Requirements All Junior Festival Jazz Audition solos and performance requirements are available for download from the CD-MMEA Website (<u>www.cdmmea.org</u>).
Improvisation	Improvisation is <i>optional</i> and for <i>comments only</i> . It does not count toward a student's score. Comping is described as performing in appropriate rhythmic style to the chord progressions, using a variety of appropriate jazz voicings of the chords in the progression.
Jazz Winds	 Jazz Solo (see audition list) Students will be asked to play the two scales printed on the audition piece, and the chromatic scale (as listed for band). All scales should be performed from memory. Improvisation (see above) Each brass student will be asked to play a Major scale for placement and range only. This does not count toward the student's score or acceptance, but may be used to determine seating. Trumpet players will be asked to play a two octave C Major scale, trombone students will be asked to play a two octave Bb Major scale
Jazz Piano	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style with both hands. Students will be asked to play the two scales printed on the audition piece, and the chromatic scale, performed in two octaves, with two hands. All scales should be performed from memory. Improvisation for comments only (see above)
Jazz Guitar	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Comp changes of the piece in the appropriate style. Students will be asked to play the two scales printed on the audition piece, and one additional scale (up to 2#'s or 2b's), as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet. All scales should be performed from memory. Improvisation (see above) Guitarists must bring their own amp to auditions
Jazz Bass	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Play a bass line following the chord changes of the piece in the appropriate style (quarter notes). Students will be asked to play the two scales printed on the audition piece, and one additional scale (up to 2#'s or 2b's), as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet. All scales should be performed from memory. Improvisation (see above) Bass players may play on an acoustic or electric bass Bass players are recommended and encouraged to bring their own amp to auditions
Jazz Drums	 Jazz solo (see audition list) – students should be able to comp the snare drum rhythm in a conversational style between bass drum and snare drum while keeping time with the ride cymbal and hi-hat Trade 4's in a medium swing feel for 24 bars Prepare 8 bars of each of the following four styles: a. Jazz Waltz c. Medium Swing b. Latin/Bossa Nova d. Jazz Funk/Rock A drum set will be available, but percussionists are welcome and encouraged to bring their own.
Jazz Vibes	 Jazz solo (see audition list) Comp changes of the piece in an appropriate style. Students will be asked to play the two scales printed on the audition piece, and one additional scale (up to 2#'s or 2b's), as posted on the appropriate CD-MMEA jazz scale sheet. All scales should be performed from memory. Improvisation for comments only (see above)

5. Vibes will be available for pre-registered auditionees. Students wishing to bring their own are welcome to do so.

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Registration Procedure

Please forward this to all participating music teachers.

Registration Process

1. Carefully read through all Festival information.

2. Check dates for conflicts

- Registration deadline
- Audition date
- Rehearsal dates
- Concert date
- Accepted musicians are expected to participate in the *entire* Festival

3. Download the appropriate audition registration forms (one form for each category)

- Vocal
- Winds/Percussion
- Strings
- Jazz
- Plus the school total "recap" form

4. Fill out all school information (while printing legibly) and double check "Principal's" Signature

5. Keep a copy for your records

6. Send the completed forms plus a check, Purchase Order # or actual Purchase Order to;

Steve Archambault, Audition Coordinator. 662 Page Street Lunenburg, MA 01462

Please attach special requests to your recap form (i.e. time slot, schedule with another school, special accommodations, etc.)

7. The Audition Coordinator will process the information and mail one audition information packet to the school. The packet will contain audition times, updated information, an updated student registration print out and other pertinent information. It is the responsibility of the music staff to read and share the information, check the registration print out for errors, and prepare students for the audition process. All corrections and changes need to be reported ASAP to the Audition Coordinator.

8. No changes will be made 7 days prior to the audition day.

9. Registration for any festival audition must be done by the school music instructor or a school-appointed education authority and must bear the signature of the appropriate building Principal. Home schooled participants should follow the registration process as stated but as an independent school. As with all schools, each homeschool will need to have the Principal or Superintendent of the school its educational plan is filed under, sign the registration form.

Audition Day

1. Any substitutions, additions, or changes in student registration forms, made on the day of auditions, will be assessed a \$7.00 audition fee. There are no refunds for "no-shows."

2. A maximum of two (2) changes (addition/substitution), for each school will be allowed on the day of an audition. A **substitution** involves the replacement of a nonparticipating registered student with a different student or the switching of a registered student from one instrument/voice to a different instrument/voice (i.e. soprano to alto, clarinet to trumpet, etc.). An **addition** is the adding of a new student not currently registered.

3. An audition fee of \$7.00 is charged for each change and your changes cannot exceed school instrument/voice limitations.

4. Illegally copied music is not allowed in the audition rooms.

5. It is suggested that groups should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their audition time.

Registration Information

Schools with less than 2000 students

CHORAL

- A maximum of 30 chorus students may register per school
- There is a limit of 7 sopranos and 7 altos per school
- There is no limit for boys auditioning for male voice parts as long as the total school limit does not exceed 30 vocalists.
- Female voices may only register as Soprano or Alto
- Senior Festival male voices may only register as Tenor or Bass
- Junior Festival male voices may audition for baritone, soprano or alto. Boys auditioning for soprano and alto count toward the school's 7 per part limit.

WIND/PERCUSSION

- A maximum of 30 wind/percussion students may register per school
- There is a limit of 6 per instrument

Jr. Percussionists

- Percussionists may multiple audition on Snare, Mallet & Timpani pending they are
 - 1. Listed separately for each instrument
 - 2. Pay a separate registration fee for each instrument and
 - 3. Each multiple percussion counts towards a school's total 30-student limit.

STRINGS

- There is no limit for string instruments
- Harpists may audition on another instrument or voicepart

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- A maximum of 16 students may register per school
- There is a limit of 3 per instrument
- Students auditioning for Jazz Ensemble may double audition for one (1) other group pending all registration conditions are met (see list below).
 - 1. Jazz Ensemble & Chorus or
 - 2. Jazz Ensemble & Winds/Percussion or
 - 3. Jazz Ensemble & Strings
 - NO other combination will be allowed

High Schools in excess of 2000 students will be allowed to double their limits as follows:

- Vocal (60 students), maximum of 14 sopranos, 14 altos
- Winds/Percussion (60 students), maximum of 12 per instrument
- Jazz Ensemble remains limited to 16 students
- No limit on string instruments

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria & Application Procedure

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant will graduate from his/her High School, having participated as a member of the 2016 Central District Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, or Chorus and have also been RECOMMENDED for the 2016 All-State Concert Festival in his/her Senior year (acceptance into the All-State Concert Festival is not required).
- Applicant must be accepted to a four year college or university as a major in one of the following fields of concentration: Musicology, Music Theory/Composition, Music Therapy, Music Education, or Music Performance.
- Applicant was an active member and supporter of his/her High School music organization where applicable and in good standing within their school community, and must also have been in good standing with the Central District MMEA. (The conductor of the high school performing group or the high school principal must submit confirmation statement or letter of recommendation.)

Application Procedure:

- Applicant must return completed application forms and personal statement to the conductor of the High School musical organization in which he/she performed, or the High School Principal.
- Student must return:
 - 1. Student's application form
 - 2. Confirmation statement
 - 3. Separate personal statement from student
- Completed materials should be sent to the CD-MMEA Scholarship Committee.

CD-MMEA Scholarship Committee c/o Mr. Doug Miller Wachusett Regional High School Music 1401 Main Street Holden, MA 01520 Deadline – April 1, 2016

No statement of financial need is required

SENIOR FESTIVAL AUDITIONS RECAP FORM

School Name				
Ensemble Director		School Phone		
Participating Studen	its			
Chorus	Wind/Percussion	String	Jazz	
	Total Students	× \$7.00 = \$		
Check Enclosed	Purchase Order	Number (enclose cop	y)	
	1.2	to meet the deadline of th ment.)		
	Total \$			
Please complete and Steve Archambault 662 Page Street Lunenburg, MA 014				

JUNIOR FESTIVAL AUDITIONS RECAP FORM

School Name			
Ensemble Director		School Phone	
Participating Studen	its		
Chorus	Wind/Percussion	String	Jazz
	Total Students	_× \$7.00 = \$	
Check Enclosed	Purchase Order N	Number (enclose copy)	
	appropriate payment must be po) will be assessed any school failing to paym	o meet the deadline of the thir	e
	Total \$		
Please complete and Steve Archambault 662 Page Street Lunenburg, MA 014			

WIND & PERCUSSION REGISTRATION FORM

Date	School		
School Phone	Ensemble Directo	r	
Ensemble Director's NAfME M	embership Number		
	, City, State, Zip)		
	be reached on the audition day)		
Contact E-mail	Director of Music		
	nd the CD-MMEA Handbook		
School Principal's Signature			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Instrument

STRING REGISTRATION FORM

School					
School Phone Ensemble Director					
embership Number					
City, State, Zip)					
be reached on the audition day)					
Director of Mu	sic				
nd the CD-MMEA Handbook _					
First Name	Grade	Instrument			
	Ensemble Dire	embership Number City, State, Zip) be reached on the audition day) Director of Music nd the CD-MMEA Handbook <i>Ensemble I</i>			

VOCAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date	School				
School Phone Ensemble Director					
Ensemble Director's NAfMI	E Membership Number				
School Address (Street Addr	ess, City, State, Zip)				
Cell phone (in case you need	l to be reached on the au	dition day)			
Contact E-mail	Dire	ector of Music			
□ I have read and unde	rstand the CD-MMEA H	Handbook	Ensemble Director's	Q:	
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School Principal's Signature					
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Voice Part	Height (in inches, eg. 65")	

JAZZ REGISTRATION FORM

Date	_ School		
School Phone	Ensemble Direc	ctor	
Ensemble Director's NAfME M	embership Number		
School Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip)			
Cell phone (in case you need to	be reached on the audition day)		
	Director of Mus		
□ I have read and understa	nd the CD-MMEA Handbook		
School Principal's Signature			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Instrument

;	SENIOR FESTIVAL	PARTICIPATIO	ON FORM
School Name:			
Phone Number:			
		ing Address	
Participa	ating Students (please m	ark non-participatir	ng students on back)
	Chorus		
	Band		
	Total students	x \$20.00 = \$	
I	Must be postmarked by	the second Friday in	n December.
	Late Fee (\$50.00) _	Total \$	
Checl	k Enclosed	_PO#	(Enclose Copy)
(A late fee of \$50.00 wi	ll be assessed to any school f	ailing to meet the deadli	ne of the second Friday in December.)

Complete and mail this form to: Henry P. Morel Treasurer, CD-MMEA 50 Fox Run Road Blackstone, MA 01504

JUNIOR FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION FOR	М
School Name:	
Director Name:	
Phone Number:	
Billing Address	
Participating Students (please mark non-participating studen	ts on back)
Chorus	,
Band	
Orchestra	
Jazz	
Total students x \$18.00 = \$	
Must be postmarked by the second Friday in Decemb	ber.
Late Fee (\$50.00) Total \$	
Check Enclosed PO# (Enclosed	e Copy)
(A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to any school failing to meet the deadline of the se	cond Friday in December.)

Complete and mail this form to: Henry P. Morel Treasurer, CD-MMEA 50 Fox Run Road Blackstone, MA 01504

REHEARSAL POLICIES & CONTRACT

School Code: _____

School Name:

Your Name:

- 1. Due to limited rehearsal time, it is essential that all students be on time for all rehearsals. Please be sure to arrive at least (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time so that students may warm up, tune, and be in their seats ready to start the rehearsal at the appointed time. Students must participate in **all rehearsals** for the **full time** to be eligible to perform in the concert. Any unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the Festival. Any student dismissed from the Festival will forfeit eligibility for the current year's All-State Festival, and the following year's Central District Festival.
- 2. Each school must have a designated chaperone in attendance at **all times** during rehearsals. That person must register the students at the desk upon arrival at **each** rehearsal and remain on site for the entire rehearsal period. School systems which do not have chaperones will forfeit their right to participate in the festival.
- 3. No student may, under any circumstances, drive a vehicle to any rehearsal, concert, or audition sponsored by MMEA and/or Central District. No student may be a passenger in a vehicle driven by another student to any rehearsal, concert, or audition sponsored by MMEA and/or the Central District. Any violation of this rule will result in **automatic expulsion** of the student from the festival. Any student in violation of this rule that has been recommended for All-State will have that recommendation revoked.
- 4. Any questions from parents, students, or private teachers concerning the rules should be directed to the school music director or person acting as a designated sponsor of the students to the festival. Only directors or designees should have contact with the concert committee members. **Parents and students should not call the concert coordinator or any manager directly.**
- 5. Cell phone use is strictly prohibited during rehearsals. Hats should not be worn during rehearsals and any conduct unbecoming may result in dismissal from the Festival. Such decisions will be made at the discretion of the CD-MMEA Board.

Parent's Signature:	Date:
Student's Signature:	Date:
Emergency Contact:	Phone Number:

PLEASE READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND PRESENTED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT THE FIRST REHEARSAL.

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MEDICAL FORM

Please type or neatly print all information on the form below.

School Code:	School Name:	
ST	UDENT EMERGENCY MEDI	CAL INFORMATION
Student's Name		Male/Female
Date of Birth		Age Grade
Circle: Band Choru		
Parent/Guardian's Name		
	Cell Phone	
In emergency, notify		Relationship
	Cell Phone	
Medical Insurance Compa	any	Policy Number
Is student taking medicati	on? What?	Dosage
Allergies?		
Please Specify		
Any Illness? Ple		

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I (parent/guardian name) _______, submit the above emergency medical information and give my permission for my child to participate in this festival under the conditions described above and the rules and expectations outlined in the *Central District Student Contract*. I hereby acknowledge that the performance of my child identified above may be photographed, reproduced, and/or recorded on compact disc, DVD, and/or other similar devices and may be displayed and/or heard in MMEA publications and/or on the MMEA-Central District Website without remuneration.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	
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THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND PRESENTED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT THE FIRST REHEARSAL.

CHAPERONE DESIGNATION FORM

According to the Central District Music Festival Rehearsal Policies, "Each school must have a designated chaperone in attendance at <u>ALL TIMES</u> during rehearsals. That person must register the students at the desk upon arrival at <u>EACH</u> rehearsal and remain on site for the entire rehearsal period." In order to speed up the registration process we ask that each district fill out this form and turn it in to the registration desk at the first rehearsal.

ol Code:	School Name:
	Rehearsal #1
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)
	Rehearsal #2
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)
	Rehearsal #3
Chaperone(s)	Cell Phone Number (if available)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

pplication is limited to students graduating in May/June 2016		
Name:	Instrument/Voice:	
Home Address (Street Address, City/Town, Zip):		
	School:	
	zations in which you are an active participant:	
List music organizations	outside of school in which you are an active participant:	
CD-MMEA - Which yea	rs did you participate?	
MMEA All-State – Which	ch years, if any, did you participate?	
Do you have a 2016 All-	State Recommendation?	
Non-MMEA sponsored	organizations?	

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Other pertinent musical accomplishments: (Awards, Competitions, etc.)		
(Attach additional sheet if needed)		
De ven study privately?		
Do you study privately?: How many years have you studied?		
Name of College/University/Conservatory you will be attending?		
Indicate your Major group of concentration		
Indicate your Major area of concentration List any other Awards or Honors that you've earned. (Musical or non-musical):		
Personal Statement - Indicate reasons for:		
a. Pursuing a career in Music b. Applying for this MMEA-CD Scholarship (Please attach separate sheet)		
Signature of High School Ensemble Director:		
Director's E-mail Address:		