

2018-19 Fest/Festival Updates

Updates to [PMEA Statewide Regional Festival Policies](#)

Under Auditions:

- Section I, Letter A; #2: Students excused from auditions as per State Policy, will receive a **one**. (previously said “zero”)
- Section III, Letter A; #1: The language has been updated to: For orchestra, one excerpt from the following, “Standard Orchestral Repertoire” may be used for wind instruments. (The first part will be given to all members of the section.) **All excerpts may also be used for violins.**
- Section III, Letter A, #3: Please note the following additional policy: **Timpani students will be permitted one pitch per timpani needed for auditions (new... July 2018).**
- Section VII, Letter C: Please note the following additional policy: In the event a re-audition is needed for an entire section, only the scores from the re-audition will be counted. The previous scores will be destroyed. **New... July 2018**

Under Host Director Responsibilities

- Section IV, Letter C: If an instrument part substitution needs to be made, the host director is to contact the guest conductor for guidance. The region chair and the festival coordinator are to be consulted before any final decision is made to ensure all students have an appropriate part.

Additional Items:

- **Beginning with the 2019-20 member year**, the selection of the All-State Orchestra Piccolo will occur via the At-Large Instrument auditions, currently in place for All-State Band & Wind Ensemble. The first chair district orchestra piccolos will have the option to audition for the All-State Orchestra piccolo via the At-Large audition process.
- **PMEA Policy on Female Tenor/Bass, Male Alto/Soprano Participation in Chorus Festivals** - On the advice of PMEA’s attorney, a medical waiver is no longer required for female tenor/basses nor male alto/sopranos provided the students are reminded that there is a possibility of damage to their vocal cords if they do not sing in their natural voice range.
- Beginning the 2018-2019 School year, the only mandatory paper form for STUDENTS will be the Medical Form. If applicable, the Medical Administration Form must also be completed however as of the 2018-19 member year a medication expiration date has been added to the form. Please note the following updated language on the Medical Administration Form: The PMEA Medication Administration Record may be copied in the event the student may participate in multiple PMEA events provided the medication information is complete (or a prescription is attached), the chart has not been completed by a festival nurse **AND** the **medication expiration date has not passed**. If students require medication for a chronic condition, the school district’s form on file in the school or nurses’ office may be used. **(It is suggested the PMEA Medication Administration Record is copied BEFORE a student participates in their first festival.)**
- The following language has been added to the Guest Conductor Agreement form: Guest conductor agrees to conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all times, and to refrain from crude language and inappropriate behavior. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in immediate removal from the event, financial penalty including the withholding of the agreed upon honorarium and no reimbursement of travel expenses, and exclusion from consideration for future PMEA events.
- On the second page of the Student Medical Form, the following sentence now requires **initials** by the parent/guardian and student instead of signatures: **This medical form will be provided to those with a need to know (festival host, nurse, student’s director, etc).**

Reminders:

- Percussion Auditions at Region and State festivals will follow current listed policy.
- As per written Region and State policy, **ALL auditions must be blind auditions, including percussion.**
- All overnight chaperones **MUST** be PMEA members for insurance purposes. Daily chaperones can be volunteers with appropriate clearances.