

# CMEA STUDENT INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Directors: Please photocopy these TWO PAGES as needed for participating students.

1. Any student who is a member of his/her school's performing group under the direction of a CMEA member teacher in good standing is eligible to participate in CMEA auditions and festivals. The student's audition category must correspond to his/her school performing ensemble – i.e. someone auditioning for a CMEA chorus must be in his/her *chorus*, not band or orchestra.
2. **Students may not drive or be driven by another student to or from any CMEA activity.**
3. No alcohol, illegal substances, tobacco products (including e-cigarettes, vaping devices, etc.) or weapons may be present at a CMEA function. Use of cell phones is prohibited during rehearsals and performances.
4. Students are expected to act in a responsible manner at all times. CMEA has the right to remove any student from any activity at any time due to improper behavior.
5. **CMEA Copyright Policy** CMEA expects all students participating in the audition process to abide by all copyright laws. Students must have an original piece of music, a digitally purchased copy w/receipt, a public domain copy, or perform from memory. With the exception of students performing from memory, students auditioning without an acceptable copy of music may be disqualified from festival participation.
6. CMEA is not responsible for the theft or damage of personal property at any festival.
7. Students enrolled in a satellite school that is affiliated with a CMEA member school, or are home schooled, must have the permission of the CMEA member school's principal and CMEA member director before registration will be honored. The signature of the CMEA member school principal and CMEA member director certifies knowledge of the student's participation in said school's performing ensemble and recognizes the signature of the director as being the person assuming responsibility for the applicant.
8. Every student participating in a CMEA-sponsored concert festival must complete a Student Contract and Student Health Form. The student's teacher must mail the school's Student Contracts and Health Forms to the CMEA office by the designated payment deadline as posted on the Region/All State pages on [cmea.org](http://cmea.org). Completing a Student Contract for participation in a Concert Festival mandates participation in that festival. Once the contract has been signed, students may withdraw from a festival only for personal illness or death in the family. Missing any portion of a rehearsal is grounds for dismissal, and students are required to be in attendance throughout the Festival. **STUDENTS FAILING TO FULFILL THEIR CONTRACTED OBLIGATION TO A CMEA FESTIVAL WILL FORFEIT PARTICIPATION IN ANY CMEA ACTIVITY FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.**
9. Students participating in any CMEA Festival must abide by all guidelines and policies. Students failing to follow the published guidelines and policies are subject to dismissal from the festival by the Festival Chair or Region Director. If a student is dismissed from a festival, the Festival Chairperson or Region Director will notify the director. Students dismissed from the festival will be suspended or expelled from future CMEA activities for a period of time determined by the Student Affairs Commission.
10. All correspondence, written or verbal, pertaining to your student activities must be from your school music teacher. **CMEA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL RESPOND ONLY TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER.** Addresses including e-mail, phone/fax numbers of CMEA committee members are NOT to be given out to students or parents.

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

## **Behavior and appearance should positively reflect you, your school, and CMEA.**

- Students participating in CMEA Festivals are not permitted to purchase, possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs (except for authorized prescription drugs) at any time. Violators will be subject to stringent disciplinary action and they will be released from the festival to the school director or appointed chaperone and sent home.
- Conduct is the responsibility of each individual. Use common sense and good judgment when leaving, entering, or using a facility.
- The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is prohibited during rehearsals and concerts, whether you are performing yourself or are part of the audience.
- The use of pictures of CMEA officials in non-CMEA sanctioned social media is expressly prohibited, unless consent is provided by CMEA. Violators will be dismissed from the festival and are subject to CMEA and/or school disciplinary action.
- If a student is found responsible for stealing or vandalism, the student and/or the student's parents will be expected to pay all damages, and the student will face appropriate disciplinary action.
- Smoking is not allowed at any time (including e-cigarettes, vaping devices, etc.) during the festival. Failure to comply will result in dismissal.
- Any accidents, injuries or illnesses must be reported to the ensemble chair, chaperone and/or school director immediately.
- Adherence to all curfew times and sleeping assignments is mandatory. Students are not permitted to be in the room of a person of the opposite sex under any circumstances.
- All school and CMEA rules apply.