

FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The All-State Elementary Chorus will perform at the January 2020 Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) Professional Development Conference in Tampa. Only the finest fourth and fifth grade voices in the state have been asked to audition for this chorus, and your child has been so honored.

Your child's music teacher will help to make an audio recording. There is a \$15 processing fee that must be sent with the paperwork, postmarked by September 12, 2019. The audition results will be available on the FMEA website for the music teacher by password by October 1, 2019. The decisions of the judges are final, and auditions will not be reheard. If your child is selected, there will be an FMEA (Florida Elementary Music Educators Association) materials fee of \$25 that will cover music and clinician's fees. Additional FMEA Conference fees (online by Dec.6 - \$55, *on site* - \$80, (2nd chaperone \$45, *on site* - \$65) will be required. Check with your music teacher for details. Music will be mailed to the music teacher. **All fees are non-refundable.**

If your child is selected, your child's name and school will be published on the FMEA website. You will need to travel to Tampa on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, (chorus check-in: 12:00 pm) and you will need to make arrangements to stay for one night, unless you are within commuting distance to the rehearsal and performance site. **It is an All-State policy that children who are not in the chorus are not allowed in the rehearsals and FMEA does not permit school age children in the Convention Center except to attend the concert.** There are rehearsals Wednesday and Thursday, January 8 and 9, and the concert will be performed on Thursday afternoon. A parent or adult guardian chaperone (other than the music educator) must accompany the student during all non-rehearsal times. Housing information will be available for your music teacher in early fall.

Robyn Lana, director of the nationally acclaimed Cincinnati Children's Chorus will serve as conductor.

Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the auditions will be disqualified:

1. Membership dues for the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be paid by September 1, 2019.
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 checks or orders made payable to FEMEA will be accepted or online by credit card for the entire invoice amount – split tender not accepted.
5. The audition paperwork should be sent to the district chair and the recordings uploaded to the FEMEA website.
6. The postmark must not be later than September 12, 2019. postmarked by October 19, 2019 or the student will not be allowed to participate.

If you would like for your child to audition for this Chorus, please read the enclosed pages. Complete the student information and the parent permission sections of the application and return both pages and the \$15 processing fee to the music teacher.

Sincerely,

Music Teacher