

# FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



Dear Principal,

Your music teacher recently received an invitation from the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association (FEMEA) to participate in a unique music education opportunity for students and teachers. FEMEA is a component organization of FMEA (Florida Music Educators Association). FEMEA will be hosting the FMEA All-State Elementary Chorus in Tampa, Florida, January 8 – 9, 2020. This very prestigious Elementary Chorus for fourth and fifth graders will perform during the annual professional development conference of the FMEA. Each elementary music teacher who is a member of FEMEA may nominate up to five students to audition for the Chorus. Your music teacher is required to follow the official FEMEA procedures and these materials available for your review.

FMEA/FEMEA strives to provide relevant and energizing professional development opportunities for music teachers and their students. This All-State Elementary Chorus is the shining example of one such service to membership. There are some expenses involved and we hope that you will assist your parents and your music teacher in securing funding for deserving young musicians from your school.

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

In order for your music teachers and students to participate in the All-State Elementary Chorus, your enthusiastic support will be necessary. Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each participating music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the audition recordings 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.
7. If you have a student or students selected, the materials fee of \$25 per students must be postmarked by October 19, 2019 or the student will not be allowed to participate.

Please contact us if you have questions or if we can assist you or your music teacher in any way.

Sincerely,  
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