

PMEA District 1 Fest Policies

revised by the PMEA District 1 Executive Board, August 2008

- I. Directors are reminded that they are only guaranteed **one** student participant in District One Fests (as long as they are currently a PMEA member in good standing, follow the fest regulations and submit their applications and registration fees within the host's deadlines). No guarantee can be made to the number or ranking of students accepted or parts that are selected. Directors are encouraged to submit many student applications and a **variety** of instrumental/vocal types.
- II. The sponsoring director is **required** to accompany students attending PMEA elementary and middle school fest events. In the case of an emergency or other exceptional circumstance, the sponsoring director will contact the District C/I Chair for permission to send a substitute. This substitute must be a PMEA member.
- III. Students **must** participate in the COMPLETE fest program—all meetings, musical rehearsals, performances, auditions, social activities, meals, etc.—commencing with registration and concluding with the final concert, only allowing for the following exceptions: 1) illness (must have doctor's excuse), 2) death-in-the-family, 3) pre-approved "once-in-a-lifetime" events for a maximum of four hours. The student's parent or director must in person notify the host the moment the student leaves any activity of the fest. Any absence must be excused in advance by the PMEA District President. Students must perform all musical compositions selected for the concert. State and local PMEA policy dictates that, in order for a student to be excused from any part of the fest due to illness, the absence **"... must be verified in writing by a physician within five days of the fest."**
- IV. Students are advised that absolutely NO SMOKING or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be permitted during the fest. Possession of any contraband substance, smoking in the building or on school grounds, tardiness or unexcused absence from any activity of the music fest, displays of disrespect, uncooperative attitude, **NOT knowing the music**, or any other behavior which may be detrimental to the success of the fest or safety of the students, staff or PMEA members, will be cause for immediate dismissal at any time. Students who are sent home for any disciplinary infraction of a PMEA policy or host school rule will become ineligible to participate in future PMEA fests for the remainder of the school year.
- V. Students who apply for any District, Region or All-State PMEA Festivals or Fests must provide their own personal medical insurance (e.g. Blue Cross, school plan, or other carrier) and instrument (loss or accidental damage) insurance.
- VI. It is illegal to record (audio or video) PMEA-sponsored concerts!

We, as indicated by the signatures on the previous page, have read and agree to abide by all of the above PMEA District One policies. The **Parent/Guardian** grants permission for their son or daughter to participate in PMEA District, Region or State events and will not hold PMEA or its members responsible for any unforeseen accident, illness or loss of property during or in transit to/from these events. The **School Principal** certifies that the student applicant is academically eligible to participate in a fest and is of good character. The **Director** certifies that the above student is a member in good standing in the school's music program.