



October 11, 2021

Dear PMEA Band Directors,

The Yough School District is pleased to host PMEA Jr. High District 1 East Honors Band on Friday, March 4, 2022, and Saturday, March 5, 2022. The festival will be held at Yough Intermediate/Middle School in Ruffs Dale, PA. Although a detailed schedule is forthcoming, the festival will begin on Friday with check-in starting at 8:30AM, and rehearsal beginning at 9:00AM both days. The concert will be on Saturday at 3:00PM.

Our guest conductor will be Dr. Kate Ferguson, Director of Athletic Bands at Youngstown State University. Currently in her twenty-fourth year as an educator, Ferguson previously taught in the Akron Public, Crestwood Local and Cuyahoga Falls City School Districts. Additionally, she has served as a faculty member at The College of Wooster, Southeast Missouri State University, Kent State University. She holds a Bachelors in Music Education degree from Kent State University, a Masters in Music Education Degree from the University of Akron, and a Ph.D. in Music Education from Kent State University. Under her direction, Ferguson's ensembles consistently earn superior ratings at both district and state Ohio Music Education Association Events. Her ensembles have been invited to perform at the International Music Festival at the Kennedy Center for the performing arts, the Northeast Ohio Band Invitational at Severance Hall, and the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Conference. Additionally, her performing groups are highly involved in community performances and events within the Northeast Ohio area. We are very excited to have Dr. Ferguson guest conduct this festival!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the ensemble may be a bit smaller than in past years. All included in the festival will also be required to follow mitigation efforts put in place such as masking when not playing, socially distant rehearsals and breaks, a masked and possibly limited audience, and all student participants will sign a Covid waiver once selected for the ensemble.

Attached to the email are copies of the student application and director form. The forms can also be found on the PMEA website. Please make sure all forms are completed in full.

All applications are due by November 5th, 2021. Due to the turnaround time, I would appreciate all forms be scanned and digitally sent to hartnettj@youghsd.net (with the paper copies of the forms being brought to the festival). If you prefer to mail your forms, they can be sent to:

Yough Intermediate Middle School
Attn: Julia Hartnett
171 Rt. 31
Ruffs Dale, PA 15679

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or cell phone. We are excited to see you all in March!

Musically yours,
Julia Hartnett
YIMS Band Director
hartnettj@youghsd.net

724-872-5164 Ext. 3320



PMEA District 1 Junior & Senior High Festivals DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION FORM

*to be returned with Student Applications for
PMEA District 1 Band, Chorus, & Orchestra Festivals*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Honors Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Chorus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 10, 11, 12) Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 10, 11, 12) Orchestra | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Orchestra |

Director's Name (please print) _____

Director's Signature _____ Today's Date _____

Please bring NAfME/PMEA card! *Students cannot audition without the attendance of their school director who is a current PMEA member.*

School Building _____ School District _____

School Street Address _____

School City/State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

School Phone _____ Extension _____ School Fax _____

School E-Mail _____

Home Street _____

Home City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Home E-Mail _____

Cell Phone _____ PDE Professional ID # _____

What is your principal instrument/voice part? _____

List your students in the order that you recommend they be considered by the Selection Committee:

| | Name (attach sheet for additional students) | Auditioned at Honors | | Section | Part |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| | | Band | Orch | | |
| 1. | _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____ |
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| 12. | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____ |
| 13. | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____ |
| 14. | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____ |



PMEA District 1 Junior & Senior High Festivals

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Senior High (Grades 10, 11, 12)
☐ Band ☐ Chorus

- ☐ Junior High (Grades 7, 8, 9)
☐ Orchestra ☐ Honors Choir (Grades 9-12)

Festival Name

Festival Location & Date

Instrument/Voice Part (Include I or II)

School Name

Student's Name (please print legibly)

Age

Grade

Gender

Student Street Address

Student's City/State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Height (choral only) _____ feet _____ inches School Director's Name _____

Do you study privately? ☐ NO ☐ YES: Instrument/Voice: _____ How many years? _____

Participation in other PMEA Festivals and school/community music groups?

We, the undersigned (below), have read and agree to abide by all PMEA District 1 policies on the reverse side. 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 the above festival. The **School Principal** certifies that the above student is academically eligible to participate in a festival and is of good character. The **Director** certifies that the above student is a member in good standing in the school's performing organization.

Director's Signature and Date

Principal's Signature and Date

Student Applicant's Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date

Director's Evaluation Form (students do not write below)

Ranking on Director's Form: ☐ 1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4. ☐ 5. ☐ 6. ☐ 7. ☐ 8. ☐ 9. ☐ 10. ☐ _____

| <i>Level of Student Achievement</i> (please check) | <i>Superior</i> | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Fair</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| TONE | | | | | |
| TECHNIQUE | | | | | |
| INTONATION | | | | | |
| RHYTHM | | | | | |
| MUSICIANSHIP | | | | | |
| COOPERATION | | | | | |

Additional Remarks Helpful to Selection Committee:

PMEA DISTRICT 1 FESTIVAL POLICIES

Revised by the PMEA District 1 Executive Board, August 2008

- I. Directors who fail to send a photocopy of their current NAFME/PMEA membership card with the student and director applications forfeit the right to have their students considered for the festival!
- II. Directors are reminded that they are only guaranteed **one** student participant in District festivals (as long as they are currently a PMEA member in good standing, follow the festival 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.
- III. The sponsoring director is **required** to accompany students attending PMEA [elementary and] middle school festival 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.
- IV. Students **must** participate in the COMPLETE festival 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 a doctor's excuse), 2) death-in-the-family, 3) pre-approved "once-in-a-lifetime" events for a maximum of four hours, or 4) participants in the Bands of America, Grand National Championship Festival in Indianapolis. The student's parent or director must in person notify the host the moment the student leaves any activity of the festival. 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 festival due to illness, the absence "**must be verified in writing by a physician within five days of the festival.**"
- V. Students **are not** permitted to drive to or from a PMEA SHS Honors, District, Region, All-State or JHS festival.
- VI. Students are advised that absolutely NO SMOKING or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be permitted during the festival. Possession of any contraband substance, smoking in the building or on school grounds, tardiness or unexcused absence from any activity of the music festival, displays of disrespect, uncooperative attitude, **NOT knowing the music**, or any other behavior which may be detrimental to the success of the festival 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 festival for the remainder of the school year.
- VII. SENIOR HIGH FESTIVALS: All students will audition for festival seating and/or future festival participation. Failure to audition by any student will result in **immediate expulsion** from the festival!
- VIII. ALL SENIOR HIGH FESTIVALS, JHS BAND and JHS ORCHESTRA: **All directors must be available to serve as judges and/or accompanists for student auditions at all SHS festivals, Honors and JHS Orchestra. Attendance to the Director's Meeting is required.** If director (or a qualified substitute who is a current PMEA member) is absent from auditions at a SHS District event, his/her students will be seated in the chairs which they earned, but they will be ineligible for the subsequent regional festival. In emergency situations, the District President may excuse a director from participating in auditions. Students selected to participate in JHS Orchestra and JHS Band East must be accompanied by their instrumental director/instructor who is a current PMEA member.
- IX. Students who apply for any PMEA festival must provide their own personal medical insurance (e.g. Blue Cross, school plan, or other carrier) and instrument (loss or accidental damage) insurance.
- X. It is illegal to record (audio or video) PMEA-sponsored concerts!
- XI. Wind, brass and percussion players will be selected for District SHS Orchestra on the basis of Honors Band auditions. Additional applications for SHS Orchestra will be considered.
- XII. **A student must participate in his/her own school organization in order to be eligible to participate in District, Honors, Regional, State, All-Eastern and National events** (band for band, chorus for chorus, orchestra for orchestra). The only exception shall be if his/her high school lacks said organization.