

NORTH JERSEY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION – REGION I

2009–10 Junior High School Director Instructions

1. The NJSMA offers a series of programs designed to benefit the students of MENC-member teachers in school music programs of North Jersey (Region I of the NJMEA). It is hoped the Region performing groups and other activities will assist in the musical growth of all involved. Please be sure students are prepared in all areas, as a poor audition will create an unhappy situation for all.
2. There are three separate student applications, one for Winds/Brass/Percussion, one for Strings, and one for Chorus. Please make sure your students fill out the correct form. Student instructions and applications are also available online at www.njsma.com. Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later is required to open the files. All forms should be typed in Acrobat Reader **BEFORE** printing.
3. Students in Grades 7, 8, and 9 are eligible.
4. Teachers may only sponsor students **in their own performing group**. Students not enrolled in your current ensembles must be sponsored by their own ensemble teacher.
5. Students auditioning for more than one group or instrument must submit a separate application and \$15.00 fee for each. The **application fee is \$15.00 per application** for all on-time registrations. Please pass this information on to your students and collect the fees from them. Submit ONE check made out to the **NJSMA** (North Jersey School Music Association). For personal checks, please write the school name on the memo line.
6. Attendance regulations at rehearsals will be followed strictly. Students will not be excused from the concert weekend (Friday and Saturday full day rehearsals and the Sunday concert) for any reason. Students who do not fulfill their commitments may jeopardize future membership in Region, All-State, and All-Eastern ensembles. Please check rehearsal schedules carefully with your students before the audition process begins.
7. It is mandatory for you, as the director of the corresponding school musical performing organization, to assist with auditions on **Saturday February 6, 2010** (Snow date is Sunday February 7). Students cannot register until the director signs in. This is a full day commitment. Please do not expect to leave before your assigned task is complete, otherwise the eligibility of your students will be in jeopardy.
8. As per NJMEA and NJSMA policy, any substitute at auditions must be a music teacher with MENC membership in order to be considered for approval by the audition chair. Substitutes must be confirmed prior to the audition date.
9. **CHORUS ONLY:** Each student may audition on only ONE vocal part. **NO VOICE PART CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DAY OF AUDITIONS.** Males may audition for tenor or bass only, with the exception of unchanged voices. Females may audition for soprano or alto only.
10. Choral **and ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS** with accepted students are required to attend and assist with sectionals at one of the three evening rehearsals and at one of the final weekend rehearsals (Friday, Saturday or Sunday). Failure to complete these requirements may result in your students being ineligible to audition for future ensembles.
11. All students must pick up their registration forms in person. Audition times will be e-mailed to sponsoring directors prior to the audition day. Students must register at least ½ hour before their audition time.
12. If you have students accepted into one of the Junior High School performing organizations they will each be charged a **\$10.00 Participation Fee**. Chorus members will be required to pay an additional fee to purchase their music.

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13. Please note: **there will be no registration on the day of auditions.**

14. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:** The student, who is enrolled in the 7th, 8th or 9th Grade, must be a faithful member of the corresponding school musical organization for which he/she is auditioning and must remain so during his/her affiliation with the Region activity. The student must receive the endorsement of the director of the corresponding group. If the school does not have a corresponding group (e.g., orchestra), the student may qualify for the Region organization (e.g., orchestra) as long as he/she receives the endorsement of any qualified music teacher from that school who **MUST** participate in the audition and rehearsal process.

15. **DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY:** You must be a member of MENC and be in attendance at the auditions on February 6 (Snow date February 7). Your MENC membership must be current on the day of auditions.

AUDITION SITE: Clifton High School
AUDITION DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2010 Snow Date: Sunday, February 7, 2010
AUDITION TIME: Directors — 8:15AM meeting (MANDATORY)
AUDITION FEES Postmarked by December 15, 2009: \$15.00
& DEADLINES: Postmarked from December 16, 2009 to January 8, 2010: \$25.00
****Applications postmarked after January 8, 2010 will not be accepted.**

Applications will be returned unless you send:

1. Completed student applications (**MUST BE TYPED!**)
2. Director Information Sheet
3. A copy of your current MENC Card (information side only)
4. A single check for your auditionees made out to **NJSMA with the school name on the memo line.** (Absolutely no purchase orders accepted unless accompanied by check!)
5. Please do not staple checks to forms

An application will be considered complete when all of the above has been submitted. Partial submission of applications may be returned and may incur late fees if the entire application is not submitted by the above stated deadlines.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON LISTED BELOW:

FOR WINDS, BRASS Amy Wilcox
AND PERCUSSION: Tenakill Middle School
275 High Street wilcox@nvnet.org
Closter, NJ 07624 (201) 768-1332 x42340

FOR STRINGS ONLY: Michael Kallimanis
(send only string Waldwick HS/MS mkallimanis@njsma.com
applications here) 155 Wyckoff Avenue (201) 652-9000, ext. 5176
Waldwick, NJ 07463 (e-mail preferred)

FOR CHORUS: Deana Larsen
Cleveland Middle School
Academy Road dlarsen@cwcbocoe.org
Caldwell, NJ 07006 (973) 228-3987

