

District VII Orchestra Meeting Monday, August 21st 2023

1. APS Orchestra VPs

- a. Anthony Baca-HS Orchestra VP. Public Academy for Performing Arts
 - i. (505)-980-5687
 - ii. abq-vphsorchestra@nmmea.com for District related communications.
 - iii. abaca@paparts.org for email communications and abaca@paparts.net for Google Drive sharing
 - iv. **Responsibilities:** Anything specific to HS orchestra: All-State Auditions, Honor Orchestra (HS portion), MPA High School, Solo and Ensemble.
- b. Erica Photiades-MS Orchestra VP. Desert Ridge MS and Eisenhower MS
 - i. (248)-421-7170
 - ii. erica.photiades@aps.edu
 - iii. **Responsibilities:** Anything specific to MS Orchestra; Honor Orchestra (MS portion), MPA Middle School, Solo and Ensemble, Beginning Orchestra Festival with Suzanne Shelton.

2. Welcome new teachers and new to positions!

- a. Paul Robertson-Tres Volcanes and John Adams MS
- b. Rafael Videira-Manzano HS
- c. Luis DeVargas-Jimmy Carter MS
- d. Canice Laubhan-Madison MS
- e. Carla Lehmeier-Roosevelt MS
- f. Kelsey Rangel-Ernie Pyle MS

3. APS Orchestra Mentor Teachers

- a. Karen Schindwolf
 - i. (505)-301-5996
 - ii. schindwolf_k@aps.edu
- b. Gloria Velasco
 - i. (505)-604-4401
 - ii. velasco_gloria@aps.edu

4. AJO/AYS Opportunities:

Gloria, Emliy

5. Questions or clarifications on the Federal Curriculum Funds from APS?

- a. You have \$2,500 to spend on each program or school you teach at. Ideally this will be available for the next three years. Send your curriculum order forms to Jordan Sayre (jordan.sayre@aps.edu) ASAP!
- b. Here are recommendations for use of funds:
 - i. \$1,000-\$1,500 of sheet music for large ensembles (with specific lists of what you want in order)
 - ii. \$250-500 of assorted Solo and ensemble music (with specific lists of what you want in order)

- iii. \$500 for a teacher and student Smart Music subscriptions
- iv. \$250-\$500 of Method Book (with specific instrumentation numbers)
- c. [Curriculum Money Usage Information](#)
- d. Template Order form can be found [HERE](#) Email completed list to Jordan Sayre, not VPs!

6. District Orchestra Calendar Dates 2023-2024

- **Monday, October 2nd:** Deadline for High School Orchestra All-State Registration (NMMEA website)
- **Friday November 17th and Saturday, November 18th, 2023:** District Honor Orchestra Festival at Albuquerque Academy. For High School AND Middle School! **If you have students attending, plan to teach sectionals on Friday evening.** HS Audition: All-State 3 octave major scale, one of the All-State excerpts, excerpt from concert music; exact audition material to be provided at the District Meeting. MS by teacher recommendation. Auditions/recommendations due **October 12th. We will also be scheduling a Orchestra Section Meeting at the Festival.**
- **January 10th-13th, 2024:** NMMEA All-State and Music Educator Conference at University of New Mexico.
- **Saturday, February 3rd, 2024:** Solo and Ensemble Festival at Cibola High School
- **Thursday March 7th- Saturday, March 9th 2024:** Middle School AND High School Music Performance Assessment at La Cueva High School
- **Saturday, April 13th, 2024:** Beginning Orchestra Festival at Volcano Vista School
- **Monday, May 6th, 2024:** NMMEA District VII Spring Meeting at Berna Facio Complex

Registering for District Orchestra Events

- **Become an active member of NMMEA/NafMe TODAY!!!** All event registration must be completed through the NMMEA website: www.nmmea.com. You must be a member of NafMe to be a member of NMMEA. Please become a member ASAP or make sure your membership is active, or you cannot register your schools for any school orchestra events. <https://nafme.org/join-renew/>
- **We recommend paying for your membership by credit card and having your school bookkeeper reimburse you for your membership. Talk to one of us if you need assistance paying for your membership.**
- **Here is the direct link to register for events on NMMEA:**
<https://www.nmmea.com/districts/albuquerque/entry-forms/>
- To submit payment after registering for an event, use the NMMEA Treasurer Form found [HERE!](#)
- In general, **deadlines for registration and payment will be two weeks to one month before the date of the event. Please generate your POs and inform your bookkeepers with these deadlines in mind!**

Information about Specific District Orchestra Events

Honors Orchestra Festival (11/17-11/18/2023 @ Albuquerque Academy)

- Our clinicians will be Dr. Matt Forte for High School and Kurt Chrisman for Middle School! Specific details will be sent regarding auditions/registration for the groups, but start spreading the word among your students!
- Piece Selections for MS Honor Orchestra will be selected by Kurt Chrisman. Erica will send out the music to MS teachers by September.
- This is a great opportunity for students to prepare for All-State auditions in High School and to gain experience and confidence performing as Middle Schoolers!
- **High School Honor Orchestra Auditions due Friday, October 12th**
- **Middle School Honor Orchestra participants** will be determined by teacher recommendation. Each school should invite **five** of its promising middle school students to participate, any instrumentation. **Please submit your student names and instruments to Erica by October 12th. A Google Form will be sent out for you to send student recommendations.**
- **Registration fee:** \$20 per student.

NMMEA All-State and Educator Conference (1/10-1/13/24 @ UNM)

- This is our state-wide professional development and will be held at UNM,
- Please register to attend so you can participate and share your wonderful teaching experiences!
- Register for All-State through the NMMEA website.

Solo and Ensemble Festival (2/3/24 @ Cibola HS or Jefferson MS)

- We are looking for judges for this event, please email VPS your recommendations!
- **Registration is done through NMMEA. Solos are \$5 and ensembles are \$5 per student.**
- **Registration is due by Friday, January 19th.**
- Please spread the word among private studio teachers to send students!
- We would really like more participation in this NMMEA Festival, please consider attending our NMMEA District VII sponsored event!

Music Performance Assessment Thursday, March 7th-Saturday, March 9th @ La Cueva HS and MS 3/14-3/15/23

- MS and HS MPA will be held at La Cueva HS
- We are looking for recommendations for judges for both of these events. Please email VPs directly with your recommendations. We need seven rotating judges for HS and for MS.
- **Registration fee is \$160 per group.**
- **Registrations are due by Friday, February 9th, 2024 on the NMMEA website.**

Beginning Orchestra Festival (4/13/24 @Volcano Vista HS)

- Suzanne Shelton (Jefferson MS) is our Beginning Orchestra Festival Coordinator. She will communicate the music we will be performing and direct teachers to the music resources for students.
- **Registration Fee is \$35 per school.**
- **Registrations are due by Friday, March 15th, 2024**

