

AMEA Southern Arizona Honor Band/Orchestra Festival of Performance for Elementary/Junior High School Musicians

*The following is a general guide to the AMEA Southern Arizona Honor Band/Orchestra Festival.
For a complete set of policies & procedures, consult this section in the AMEA Activities Handbook.*

SPONSOR.

- The Arizona Elementary/Junior High School Southern Arizona Honor Band and Orchestra Festival is sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Incorporated (AMEA).

PHILOSOPHY.

- The AMEA Elementary/Junior High School Southern Arizona Honor Band and Orchestra Festival is an extra-curricular musical enrichment program.
- The festival is designed to provide a challenging and memorable musical experience for the best Elementary School and Junior High School band and orchestra students in Southern Arizona.

PURPOSE.

- The festival is held for the purpose of providing the top band and orchestra students, who are enrolled in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in the Elementary Schools and Junior High Schools in Southern Arizona, an opportunity to be recognized for their musical achievement.
- The festival affords students an opportunity to participate in a musical ensemble led by noted conductors.
- The festival is an extra-curricular extension of the school music curriculum.

OBJECTIVES.

- To recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance by Middle/Junior High School students.
- To encourage further development of outstanding musicianship among Middle/Junior High School students.
- To provide a performance opportunity otherwise not available at the Middle/Junior High School level to the state's future musical leaders.
- To showcase the importance of music as part of a comprehensive education to school administrators and the general public.
- To establish special performance opportunities for the youth of Arizona that are comparable to those in all other states.
- To raise the level of musicality of performance at the Middle/Junior High School level.
- To make available a unique in-service educational opportunity for Arizona music educators.

ELIGIBILITY.

- Students who desire the privilege of taking part in the AMEA Elementary/Junior High School Southern Arizona Honor Band and Orchestra **MUST** be able to fulfill the following requirements:
- Be enrolled in grades 5, 6, 7 or 8.
- Be enrolled in, and be a member "in good standing" of their school band or orchestra.
- Be selected by their school music director.
- Students who transfer schools and have been registered prior to the deadline may represent the new school in the event if the new school accepts that student as a "member in good standing". The new school must also accept all financial and participation responsibilities for that student. Students may not represent the school from which they transferred.
- All participants in any competitive interscholastic music activity, who are enrolled in grades 6-12, must comply with the academic eligibility requirements as set forth by the school's local governing body.
- Home schooled students must be registered by the local director of the school of that student's attendance zone. The student must meet all of the "member in good standing" requirements as set forth by that school.
- Online Charter School students must be registered by the local director of the school of that student's attendance zone. The student must meet all of the "member in good standing" requirements as set forth by that school.
- Home Schooled, Charter School or Online Charter School students may not be entered by a teacher outside of the student's attendance zone.

STUDENT SELECTION.

- At least one student from each school, for each group nominated, will be selected to participate.
- Students will be selected by the Southern Arizona Honor Band or Orchestra Festival chairperson.
- Acceptance will be based on needed instrumentation of the performance group.
- Consideration will be based on student grade level seniority. (Only within the grades 5-6 band)