

FESTIVALS

District V is known throughout the state as having an outstandingly strong Music Education program. This recognition has been acquired as we the teachers and students have experienced growth professionally and educationally. A large portion of this growth is acquired through participation in local and state festivals. It seems our standard of performance increases each year causing us to continuously evaluate ourselves.

Although, many consider festivals to be of a competitive nature, they offer much more. Festivals offer teachers the opportunity to have their work evaluated objectively and students receive important feedback and reinforcement of their endeavors. Everyone is afforded the opportunity to achieve the very highest score.

The LMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival is operated under the rules and regulations found in the LMEA Handbook. Traditionally the festival is held on a Saturday in February or one month prior to the large ensemble festival. Teachers must be a member of LMEA or pay a \$100.00 non-member fee. Student fees are: Ensemble \$5.00 per member and \$5.00 for soloists. Registration deadline is thirty (30) days prior to festival date and is mailed to Anna Lou Babin. A copy of your LMEA membership card must be included with your registration form. Teacher should inform festival chairman of any special scheduling requirements and requests in writing.

The LMEA Large Ensemble is likewise operated under the rules and regulations found in the LMEA Handbook. Generally this festival is held the third or fourth week of March. Teachers must be a member of LMEA or pay a \$100.00 non-member fee. Student fees are \$2.50 per student with a \$100.00 minimum per group. Each group is assessed \$20.00 for a performance CD. The registration deadline is thirty (30) days prior to festival date and is mailed to Anna Lou Babin. A copy of your LMEA membership card must be included with your registration form. Special requests for

scheduling should be made in writing to the festival chairman (Anna Lou) with the entry form. A late fee of \$100 will be assessed entries postmarked and/or received after the entry deadline.

The LMEA State Music Festival is will be held April 28-May 2 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The number of days of the event depends on the number of entries. Only those groups earning a superior rating in concert and at least an excellent rating in sight-reading at the district level are eligible for participation. Teachers must be a paid up member of LMEA or pay a \$100.00 non-member fee. The student fee is \$3.50 per student with a minimum fee of \$150.00 per group. A performance taping fee of \$20.00 is assessed each group participating. Consult the LMEA Handbook for other requirements and regulations. Special requests for scheduling should be made in writing to the festival chairman (Bruce Lambert) with the entry form. A late fee of \$100 will be assessed entries postmarked and/or received after the entry deadline.

UIL Handbook – www.uil.utexas.edu/music/pml.html