

September 2022

Dear Outstanding Middle School Music Student,

Congratulations on being selected by your band, choir, or orchestra director to audition for the Western Regional Middle School Music Festival!

Based on your outstanding performance in your ensemble, your director is confident you will do a great job representing yourself and your school at the audition and, if selected, the festival in March. If your audition earns you an invitation to the festival, you will be expected to participate. The Festival will take place on **March 17-18, 2023** and will include approximately 300 students from twenty-five area middle schools performing in concert band, chorus, string orchestra and jazz ensemble.

Here are the audition details:

**Audition Date:** Saturday, December 3, 2022

**Time:** You will be given a time between 9:00 and 3:00. You can expect to be there for about an hour, or longer if you're signed up for multiple auditions.

**Location:** Fairfield Woods Middle School, 115 Fairfield Woods Rd, Fairfield, CT 06825

**Concert Band and Jazz Material:** All instrumental students interested in auditioning for the concert band, jazz ensemble, or both groups, will need to perform the following:

- Specific memorized scales\*
- An etude written specifically for this audition\*
- Sight reading (to be provided at the audition)
- **\*See your director for specific information concerning the audition requirements**

**Choir Material:** All choral students interested in auditioning for the Western Region Middle School Chorus will need to perform the following:

- Scale and Arpeggio in the notated pattern
- Your vocal part of a prepared choral selection
- **See your director for specific information concerning the audition requirements**

**String Orchestra Material:** All string students interested in auditioning for the Western Region Middle School Ensemble will need to perform the following:

- Scale and Arpeggio in the notated pattern
- Your prepared musical selection
- **See your director for specific information concerning the audition requirements**

Remember, at this point you are being asked to audition for a spot in the Western Regional Choir, Concert Band, String Orchestra, and/or Jazz Band. Selection into the group will be based upon your audition. The music educators you will be auditioning for will be listening for correct pitches, rhythms, tone, dynamics, articulations, diction and an overall sense of musicianship. Prepare yourself the best you can, ask your director for help, and have fun!

You will need parent permission in order to audition, so please fill out the attached registration form and return it to your director by October 28, 2022. You will need to include an audition fee with your form (see form for details). The check should be made payable to your school.

If your parents have any questions please have them email me at [western-region@cmea.org](mailto:western-region@cmea.org)

Good luck, and do your best!

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew G. Gadwah, New Fairfield Public Schools  
Western Region Director

## Western Region Middle School Student Audition Registration Form

In order to reserve your audition time, please complete and return the following form along with a check for \$22 per audition, **payable to your school by Friday, October 28, 2022** to your director.

Students auditioning for any of these performing groups must be currently participating in their school concert band and/or jazz ensemble, string orchestra, or choir. Travel to and from the audition is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, who is also expected to remain on site for the duration of the audition process.

*(Please Print Clearly)*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please fill out the below only for the instrument(s) you will be auditioning for)*

**Concert Band Instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jazz Ensemble instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_

**String Orchestra instrument:**      Violin      Viola      Cello      Bass      Harp

**Vocal Part:**      Soprano      Alto      Tenor      Bass

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auditioning For** (circle one or multiple):

**Concert Band      Jazz Ensemble      Choir      String Orchestra**

We understand that this audition is for placement in the Western Region Music Festival. Selection will be based upon audition results. **If selected, participation in the festival is expected.**

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(Parent Signature)

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(Student Signature)