



**South Dakota Music Education Association**  
www.sdmea.net

## **What does SDMEA do for me?**

- The South Dakota Music Education Association sponsors events that provide quality musical experiences for students and professional development opportunities for music educators.
- SDMEA advocates for music education at the state and national level. This is done by meeting with legislators both in Pierre and in Washington D.C. and also with advocacy correspondence to district administrators and community stakeholders.

## **Our Programs and Services**

Currently the South Dakota Music Education Association offers the following student groups to our membership:

Elementary Honor Choir  
4th-6th Festival Choir  
7th-8th Festival Choir  
Middle School All-State Band  
Middle School All-State Jazz Band  
Middle School All-State Orchestra  
High School Freshman Choral Festival

SDMEA also offers the following professional development opportunities to our membership:

General Music Summer Session  
Band Clinic (in conjunction with MS All-State Band & HS All-State Band)  
String Symposium (in conjunction with MS All-State Orchestra)  
State Music Education Conference

Membership is \$122 and you can register at <https://nafme.org/join-renew/>

Many school districts will cover the cost of membership because of the direct benefit to students. A great way to advocate for this is - it is similar to the SDHSAA cost for high school students, but is for student groups from elementary through high school.

For questions about SDMEA and what it can do for you please contact:

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## 2022-2023 SDMEA Calendar of Events

### September

10th- Elementary Honor Choir registration deadline  
26th - Freshman Festival Nomination/Registration Deadline

### October

27th-29th SD Music Education Conference- Sioux Falls  
29th-Elementary Honor Choir-Sioux Falls

### November

1st- String Symposium registration open  
10th- Freshmen Choir festival in Mitchell, SD at Performing Arts Center  
15th- MS All State Orchestra audition deadline

### December

16th - MS All State Band audition deadline (by 11:59 PM)  
17th- 4th-6th Grade Festival Choir registration deadline

### January

6th- MS All-State Jazz audition deadline

### February

3rd-4th MS All-State Jazz, Mitchell  
24th-25th MS All State Orchestra Sioux Falls  
24th-25th String Symposium, Sioux Falls  
21st- deadline for 7th/8th Festival Choir

### March

3rd-4th - MS All State Band, Huron  
6th - Elementary Festival Choir

### April

1st Elementary Honor Choir Audition Deadline  
17th Middle School Festival Choir (7th and 8th)