

# Niagara County Music Educators' Association

A County Unit of the New York State School Music Association

## Participation Policy (Approved by Executive Council, May 1, 2002)

1. School District Participation: All public and private schools in Niagara County are eligible to participate as members of NCMEA. Districts wishing to participate will complete a registration form and submit it to the treasurer of NCMEA with the appropriate fee. See attached form and fee schedule.
2. Teacher Participation: Music teachers (school and studio) are invited to become members of NCMEA. A completed application and membership fee should be submitted to the Vice President for Membership. See attached membership application.
3. Student Participation: All students participating in NCMEA festivals must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Niagara county school district that is a participating member of NCMEA. A participant must be a participating member of his or her corresponding school music organization at the time of the audition, teacher recommendation, or NCMEA activity. Specifically:
  - a. An All-County Choral applicant must be a member of his/her school chorus where such chorus exists.
  - b. An All-County String applicant must be a member of his/her school orchestra where such orchestra exists.
  - c. An All-County Band applicant must be a member of his/her school band where such band exists.

Participation is defined as a minimum of 50% attendance and practice at in-school rehearsals where such rehearsals are offered and at all concert performances with this same organization.

4. Exceptions or variances regarding district, teacher and/or student participation must be approved by the Executive Board of NCMEA prior to participation in the NCMEA sponsored activity.
5. As a county unit of NYSSMA, the Executive Board and membership of NCMEA will adhere to and follow the policies of NYSSMA as they pertain to student participation in sponsored activities.