

# Region 19 Orchestra

## By-laws

### 1. General Information

Region 19 Orchestra shall hold four auditions for the purpose of selecting Region Orchestra participants and chair seating:

- A. M.S. Region 19 Orchestra.
- B. H.S. Region 19 Orchestra.
  - i. High School Students may audition for either the High School Symphony Orchestra (All-State Track) or the High School Philharmonic Orchestra (Students may only audition for one Orchestra). Beginning their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, students must audition for the High School Symphony Orchestra if they have previously been selected for the High School Philharmonic Orchestra
- C. M.S. chair audition.
- D. H.S. chair audition.

In addition, Region 19 Orchestra shall conduct a high school region wind and string sectional at the H.S. chair audition.

- E. Region 19 Orchestra Concert and Clinic.
- F. All Directors will serve at chair and seating auditions for both M.S. and H.S. auditions.

### 2. Entries and Fees

- A. All entries will be processed online. Instructions are on the TMEA website.
- B. A copy of your region entries along with your region entry fee should be mailed to region chair or designee.
- C. Region entry fee is \$10.00 per student
- D. Region Entry Deadline will be 15 days prior to the first Region XIX Orchestra Contest.
- E. Each director must be an active member of TMEA. A photocopy of the director's TMEA card shall accompany the region entries.
- F. Directors of students qualifying for the TMEA All State Taping will pay their entry/taping fee of \$25.00 per student to the Region chair by the All State taping date.
- G. Your entry fee check should be made payable to Region XIX Orchestra and mailed to:

Chris Reidlinger  
2043 Fir Springs Dr.  
Kingwood, TX 77339

### 3. Guidelines for Region 19 Orchestra Wind, Brass & Percussion selection

- A. In each section, the highest-ranking player (who has declared positive intent) will be assigned to chairs in the All-Region Orchestra
- B. These students will also be required to perform with the All-Region Band. Refusal to honor this original agreement may result in a student's removal from the All-Region Band or Orchestra, and/or the All-State tryout process. Where conflicts arise, a committee comprised of the Region Band Division Chairman,

the Region Band Audition Chairman, and the student's director will decide upon the proper action to be taken.

- C. Area candidates will be determined by combining the number of Area chairs allotted to both the Band and Orchestra divisions.
- D. The student's band director will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the Region and Area auditions.
- E. Payment for the Middle School wind auditions will be secured by the Middle School Band coordinator and forwarded to the Region 19 Orchestra Chairperson. Current payment is \$6.00 per student.
- F. Fee payment for High School wind players in the Region 19 Orchestra, shall be arrived at by determining the per student cost of the Region 19 High School Symphony occurred during the Region 19 Orchestra Concert & Clinic weekend, and dividing it out on a per student basis.

#### **4. Audition Rules, Requirements and Procedures**

- A. Directors must accompany their students to the audition. Should it become necessary for a director to be absent, a proxy (approved by Region Chair) must be provided.
- B. In accordance with TMEA audition procedures, five member judging panels will hear participants. The option to use private teachers as judges may be exercised. However, there will not be more than one non-public school director per panel. A director may be asked to serve on a panel that is not judging his/her major instrument.
- C. All directors are obligated to participate in both auditions and concert/clinic.
- D. Students auditioning for violin, viola, cello, bass, harp, or piano will be asked to play selected passages of the required etudes for their respective panels. Students who are not able to play the audition music may be immediately disqualified.
- E. Tabulation of scores will be done in the contest office and results will be posted in a public area. Tabulated audition results shall be available for inspection by directors for one hour following the conclusion of the entire audition. At the end of this period the results are subject to the TMEA appeals process.
- F. No recording devices or other electronic items will be allowed in audition room.
- G. Judges may not face or look at students during the audition process. The host school will provide screens in order to insure the anonymity of the contestants.

#### **5. Region 19 Orchestra Attendance Policy**

- A. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and the concert for the full duration of these functions. If a student is absent from, leaves early or arrives late to any of these functions, he/she will be subject to dismissal from the All-Region orchestra and will not receive a patch. Should a student have a legitimate, scheduled activity that conflicts with the region orchestra clinic, the student shall be responsible for notifying his/her director, in writing, of the conflict as soon as possible. The director is then responsible for notifying, in writing, the appropriate chairman about the conflict no later than the Monday prior to the clinic. At that time, a committee consisting of the division chair, middle school coordinator and the student's director will render a decision concerning the student's participation. This same committee shall rule on any matter regarding a student's dismissal from the group. No exemptions will be granted for SAT or other standardized tests offered on any other date. Directors of students participating in the All-



## **7. Etude Requirements**

- A. Middle School Etudes will be chosen by a committee of directors. Date and time for this meeting determined at Spring Region meeting.
- B. High School Philharmonic Etudes will be chosen by a committee of directors. Date and time for this meeting determined at Spring Region Meeting.
- C. High School Symphony Etudes will be selected from the All-State etudes chosen for the current school year.

## **8. Reprimands**

- A. Region XIX Orchestra will follow the approved TMEA Penalties for Rules & Policies Infractions