

Dear C.O.D.A. Directors:

Enclosed are the audition times for your students.

If there are any errors, please call Mike Lowery ASAP at 715-7273 or e-mail - mike.lowery@edmondschools.net .

The judges' meeting is 7:15 a.m. in the "Band Hall" at Edmond Santa Fe High School. There is SO MUCH to cover with both OMEA districts and the 'double' responsibilities of some rooms. We will have coffee and donuts to help you awaken!! Please remember: **YOUR STAFF MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND ALSO JUDGE THE AUDITIONS IN ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO QUALIFY FOR AUDITIONS.** As you can see we have an amazing number of rooms to cover – hopefully with qualified adjudicators. Therefore, we have NO extra directors to cover for those who become "sick" or have a conflict. If you are unable to judge, you must find another qualified director outside our area to judge for you. If your students are auditioning for All-OMEA, that person must also be a member of OMEA.

The rooms all run pretty consistently until around noon and a few quite beyond. Please be patient and be fair and try to keep your judging standard the same throughout the day. Professionalism will be very important for all of us. We have tried to be fair and equitable to everyone.

You can reach Santa Fe High School by exiting west on 15th street off of I-35 or west on 15th from the Broadway extension. Please get your students to the campus early so they have time to find their audition room. A map of the campus will be available upon entering the building.

Students MUST draw at their assigned time. Middle School and Ninth Grade are scheduled in thirty minute time blocks. Students should arrive at their room at least five minutes before their scheduled time block. Students will be assigned their audition number at this time. The C.O.D.A. Office will be located in the Library. NO ONE will be allowed in the CODA tabulation office....regardless of how helpful you think you may be.

The warm-up area will be the freshman cafeteria down "F" Hall in the southeast part of the building.

7th Grade and 8th/9th Grade: CODA audition sheets will be in all packets EXCEPT for the prelim rooms (flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, , perc) along with the audition material, sight-reading. *ALL PRELIM JUDGES will meet in one room to judge the first 6-7 students and agree on a pass/fail standard, then go to their respective rooms.* It is important to stay consistent with the standard so that the finals rooms are not overloaded with less qualified musicians.

High School: We are running two entirely separate auditions for Central and South Central Districts. Every room must adjudicate with numerical scores. All flutes, clarinets, and trumpets will be adjudicated for All-OMEA during their first room. Judges will pass on deserving students to a finals room for selection and chair placement in the CODA All-Region Honor Bands. Please announce to your students and help them understand: This pass **DOES NOT** necessarily indicate passage to OMEA finals. Only the top 21 flutes, 34 clarinets, and 23 trumpets will be passed from each district to OMEA. This is a separate entity from CODA. The horn room will pass the top 20 from each district to OMEA. The trombone room will pass the top 16 from each district to OMEA. All other rooms will pass a minimum of 50% from each district on to OMEA.

This is obviously a huge responsibility on you as an adjudicator to be consistent throughout the day. Even though you should do your own addition on the audition sheets, a second addition and final arrangement will be produced on computer in the CODA office for CODA results for the high school. You will be responsible for completing the "PASS" sheets for OMEA.

Excerpts to be used for the auditions will be posted outside each audition room. PLEASE tell your students to find the room when they arrive & find out what music to play. Students will also sight-read in the room (except Middle School prelim rooms). Judges will be placed behind panels to protect anonymity.

Only High School students are required to play scales. Scales **DO NOT** have to be memorized, but must follow the OMEA format.

CONCESSIONS will be located in the main cafeteria. ALL STUDENT FOOD AND DRINK **MUST** REMAIN IN THE CAFETERIA ! !

Tryout results will be posted on the library windows.

If you have students who are doubling in auditions for CODA, please establish their preference (highest chair, instrument, ensemble) should they be selected on each instrument. They or you **MUST BE PRESENT** outside the CODA office in order to make an IMMEDIATE decision. If the student or director is not available with a decision, **a decision will be made for them.**

In order to avoid incorrect placement, folders will be assigned after ALL instrumental doubling issues have been resolved. Folders will preferably be delivered to your school either by "helpful" music store personnel or by mail.

We are looking for a very smooth and educational day for all our students. Best of luck to them all.

TO: CENTRAL AND SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT BAND DIRECTORS

RE: OMEA 1ST ROUND WIND AND PERCUSSION TRYOUTS

NOVEMBER 7, 2009
SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL
1901 SW 15TH
EDMOND, OK 73013

Director / Adjudicators meeting at 7:15 in the orchestra room of Santa Fe High School

Auditions begin at 8:00 a.m. (7:45 draw time)

General information from the OMEA office.

Five important rulings that you must be aware of are:

- (1) Each student auditioning must be represented at the 1st round site by their director (who is an OMEA member), who will help with the audition. If, because of an emergency, the director is unable to be at the district tryout, students must be represented by an adult who is an OMEA member (administrator, private teacher, parent)
- (2) Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to audition before or after the audition date established by OMEA
- (3) The 50% pass rule of 1st round is once again in effect for sections of four or more. See #4
- (4) Only 21 flutes, 34 clarinets, 23 trumpets, 20 horns and 16 trombones maximum can be sent onto the final round at Westmoore High school on December 6, 2008 from any one district.
- (5) A student can audition on the day of the 1st round tryouts with a completed emergency application, fees (\$100), and an up to date membership of the director.

All students must meet the monitor at their tryout room by the time indicated on the schedule. Tryout material will be posted by each room 30 minutes before the tryouts begin. Please stress to your students to report to their audition rooms early so that the tryout procedure may run smoother. (No delaying tactics)

A map of the campus will be available as you enter the school. You can reach Santa Fe by exiting off of I-35 on 15th Street and go west, from the Broadway Extension and going west or on from the west on 15th Street (164th).

Please get your students to the campus early so they have time to find their audition room. ALL students must report to their room at the time assigned on the schedule. Students will draw their audition number at this time. Students **must** audition in numerical order and in their assigned time block. **There will be no exceptions.**

The office will be located in the Library. NO ONE will be allowed in the tabulation area.

The warm-up area will be the freshman cafeteria down "F" Hall in the southeast part of the building.

Students passing on to the final round of All-OMEA will be posted on the library window.

Be certain to pick up the final audition material before leaving Santa Fe High School. It will not be mailed to you.

Map of Main Building



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