PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & String Orchestra Fest

Friday, February 12th, 2027 at East Stroudsburg South High School

Dear Fellow Music Educators,

PMEA District 10 is pleased to announce that the 2027 PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band and String Orchestra Fest will be held on Friday, February 12, 2027 at East Stroudsburg South High School. For your planning purposes, student registration will be from approximately 8:15-9:00am and the evening concert will take place at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Please note that February 16th or 17th may be used as makeup days in the event of inclement weather or other conflict. Our guest conductors will be Rachel Galassi for strings and Gregory MacGill for band. For those of you new to District 10, both Rachel and Greg bring a wealth of experience in public education and will provide an enriching musical experience for your students!

As a current PMEA member, you may nominate up to 10 students from your ensemble(s). Students who are in 7th and 8th grade with at least 3 years of playing experience may be nominated. To nominate your students, please complete the application (available on the PMEA District 10 website) and send it to the email address listed below. When completing the Student Nomination Form, please rank your students according to ability and use the far right column of the chart to note important details, such as which clef a baritone player reads, which instrument(s) a percussionist plays, which positions a string player has learned, and any other information you deem appropriate. This information will help determine seating for the ensemble.

The Student Nomination Form should be completed and sent in by **Friday, October 30, 2026**. Directors should also complete the Director's Application google form (also available on the PMEA District 10 website) and email a current copy of your PMEA membership card by **Friday, October 16, 2026**.

The host facility can accommodate fairly large ensemble sizes and we anticipate a band of approximately 100-120 students and an orchestra of 75-90 students. The cost of the festival will be between $45-$55 per student depending on expenses and donations. Once students for each ensemble are selected, directors will be notified by email, listing the selected students from each school and the final cost per student. Directors will also receive emailed instructions to forward to parents pertaining to completing the necessary registration paperwork for each student.

PLEASE NOTE: Directors are required to accompany their students to the festival and must remain at East Stroudsburg South High School for the duration of the event. Your presence as a chaperone will be essential for maintaining the well-being of your students and aiding with time efficiency of the festival. PMEA thanks you in advance for your dedication and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicole Whitney. We look forward to working with you and to welcoming your students, their parents, and all our concert guests to East Stroudsburg Area High school South for a meaningful and memorable musical experience!

Sincerely,

Nicole Whitney, registration host
Wind Gap Middle School Band and Orchestra Director
Wind Gap Middle School

Katye N. Clogg, site host
Director of Bands
East Stroudsburg High School South

Please email membership cards, Director Applications, and Student Nomination forms to Nicole Whitney at: whitney.nicole@penargylsd.org