South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association

New Jersey Music Educators Association Region III

2026-2027 Region III HS Wind • String • Percussion • Chamber Ensemble • Jr High String

Audition Information for Directors

Director Eligibility:

- Must be a member of NAfME prior to completing your registration.
- Directors will serve as an adjudicator, supervisor, or as decided by audition chairperson.
- The director who endorses the student / signs the forms **must be present at auditions:**
    - **Saturday Dec 12th. 2026 at 8:30am at Absegami High School**
- If a school has no director, the school may request a director from another school to endorse and represent their students at auditions. However, a director may not represent their own school and students from another school unless the director teaches at both schools. Schools sending a substitute director must choose as their representative a director who is not endorsing students from another school. This applies to public school, private school, and home school students.
- The only acceptable substitute will be a teacher of music, who is a member of NAfME, with prior consent of the audition procedures chair.
- All adults who have student contact at an NJMEA or Region event must be cleared as per our insurance policy requirements. This includes a criminal background check, sexual abuse registry check, and a brief training course called "Protecting Students from Abuse". You will receive an email with instructions shortly before your event. Please complete the requirements quickly so you can be cleared to represent your students. For more information, go to www.njmea.org/video-page where you will find an informational video.

Application Process & Checklist (COMPLETION DATE IS NOV. 24, 2026)

- Director online registration (complete before emailing signature forms and mailing payment) https://form.jotform.com/262537280881968

- Student online registration:
  https://form.jotform.com/262537336317964

- Signature forms (students will receive after online registration, or directors may access it) scanned and emailed to sjauditions@gmail.com

  https://www.sjboda.org/uploads/1/9/6/2/19621029/student_signature_form_dec._2026_final.pdf

Payment process

- **Complete voucher on last page of this letter**
- **Organize payment:**
    - $10 per instrument in a single check or money order from director or school **postmarked by 11/24. No late payments will be accepted (SEE NOTE BELOW).** No parent checks will be accepted.
    - Or, if you need to submit a **PO**, you must provide a copy of the school **PO** or voucher by the deadline and payment must be made by the audition day for the student(s) to participate in the auditions.
- **Mail voucher and payment postmarked by 11/24 to:**

  (AS MANY POST OFFICES DO NOT POSTMARK MAIL UNTIL IT HAS REACHED THE SORTING CENTER, PLEASE PERSONALLY REQUEST A POSTMARK WHEN YOU MAIL IT, OR BE SURE YOUR POSTAGE METER HAS THE CORRECT POSTMARK DATE)

  Rich Beckman
  437 Jessup Mill Rd
  Mantua, NJ 08051

Audition Questions: Please audition questions to Phil at: sjauditions@gmail.com

Audition Requirements

Scales

- Can be found at sjboda.org or njmea.org
- Must be memorized
- MODIFICATIONS FOR JUNIOR HIGH STRINGS ONLY:
    - Students who **do not** plan to audition for All State in March may prepare the modified (less challenging) scales for the December regional audition only.
    - Students who **do** plan to audition for All State will need to prepare the complete All State scale requirements for the March auditions. These students may wish to perform the full scale requirements in December.

Solos

- List can be found at sjboda.org or njmea.org
- Students must have an original copy of the solo (photocopies may be used if the student also brings in an original copy into the audition room).
- No cadenzas will be heard (only sections clearly marked "cadenza" will be considered cadenzas)

Sight Reading

- Sight Reading Factory levels can be found in the auditions section of the web site

PERCUSSION NOTE: ALL snare drum & traps students will be auditioning in BOTH areas and must register for the Battery audition.

Chamber Ensembles: Students interested in participating in one of the chamber ensembles MUST indicate that on the application. There will be no further application.

- The ensembles will be:
    - Woodwind Quintet
    - Brass Quintet
    - Percussion Ensemble
    - Saxophone Quartet
    - Flute Quartet
    - Clarinet Quartet
    - Tuba-Euphonium Quartet.
- Please check the application for rehearsal and performance dates. If you select an ensemble, you MUST participate and attend all of every rehearsal or you will lose your eligibility for ALL Region III and All-State ensembles.
- Students MUST be accepted into and perform with one of the large ensembles to qualify for a chamber ensemble.
- Also, students who audition on multiple instruments will have the opportunity to list a specific choice for chamber that may be different than their major ensemble choice. Please review this with your students as changes will not be made following chamber assignments.

Required Dates:

Please be sure your students check the dates below for their ensemble before they register to audition. All dates listed for each ensemble are **mandatory**, and students must attend every rehearsal for the **full time** to remain a member of the ensemble. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this.

Absences due to illness must be phoned or texted to the region phone (609-457-0590) *prior* to the rehearsal and a doctor's note must be presented at the next rehearsal attended.

All Students and Directors

Event	Date	Location	Time
Auditions	Sat. Dec 12, 2026	Absegami HS	9:00am – Completion
Audition Snow Date	Sat. Dec 19, 2026	Absegami HS	9:00am – Completion

String Ensemble and Orchestra

Rehearsal	Sat. Dec 19, 2026	Cinnaminson HS	9:00am – 3:00pm
Rehearsal	Fri. Jan 8, 2027	Rowan University	9:30am – 4:30pm
Rehearsal	Sat. Jan 9, 2027	Rowan University	9:30am – 4:30pm
Concert	Sun. Jan 10, 2027	Rowan University	2:00 and 3:30pm

Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band

Rehearsal	Sat. Dec 19, 2027	Cinnaminson HS	9:00am – 3:00pm
Rehearsal	Fri. Jan 15, 2027	Rowan University	9:30am – 4:30pm
Rehearsal	Sat. Jan 16, 2027	Rowan University	9:30am – 4:30pm
Concert	Sun. Jan 17, 2027	Rowan University	2:00 and 3:30pm

Chamber Ensembles

Meeting	Sat. Dec 19, 2026	Cinnaminson HS	12:00 – 12:30pm
Rehearsal	Wed. Jan 20, 2027	Pitman HS	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Rehearsal (snow date)	Wed. Jan 27, 2027	Pitman HS	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Rehearsal	Tues. Feb 2, 2027	Pitman HS	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Concert	Wed. Feb 3, 2027	Pitman HS	6:00 report / 7:00 pm concert
Concert (snow date)	Thur. Feb 4, 2027	Pitman HS	6:00 report / 7:00 pm concert

AUDITION PAYMENT VOUCHER

December 12, 2026 SJBODA Auditions

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL YOUR SIGNATURE FORMS WITH THIS PAYMENT. FORMS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO sjauditions@gmail.com by Nov. 24th.

School Name: _____
Director Name: _____
Amount paid ($10 per instrument): _____

- Single check from director or school (no parent checks) made out to SJBODA
- Checks or PO's must be postmarked by November 24th and **mailed with this voucher to**:

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- If not postmarked by November 24th, the application will not be accepted, and your students will not be permitted to audition. No exceptions.