



Beloit Jr.- Sr. High School Orchestra
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KMEA – Combined SW and NW District Orchestra
December 5, 2015
Fort Hays State University

Dear Parents and Students,

KMEA is offering a District Orchestra to our students for the 7th time. A District Orchestra for the Northwest KMEA District of Kansas had not been possible as Hays and Beloit are the only schools offering Orchestra in the District. Southwest KMEA District had the same problem with only Dodge City, Garden City, and Great Bend offering Orchestra. After several years of discussion we have proceeded with a Combined SW / NW KMEA District Orchestra. The District Orchestra will alternate sites between Dodge City (site of SW KMEA meetings) and Hays (site of NW KMEA meetings). Students will now qualify to audition for 2016 KMEA All-State Orchestra by being selected to and participating in the District Orchestra.

The deadline for application to the District Orchestra is October 13 so I must know who will audition right away. Students will perform one excerpt, one scale and a short excerpt from music to be performed by the NW/SW District Orchestra on a CD recording. Mr. Harbaugh will hand deliver the recordings to Hays on Saturday, November 7. Selection and seating will be decided by a panel of Orchestra directors listening to the recordings on November 7. The SW / NW KMEA District Orchestra will rehearse and perform at the Fort Hays State University Beach Schmidt Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and the Concert at 3:15 PM. Ramiro Miranda will serve as our clinician. Ramiro is a doctoral candidate at UMKC and serving as interim Orchestra Director at Emporia State University this year. A native of Asuncion, Paraguay Miranda holds Master’s Degrees from Illinois State University in Violin Performance and Orchestral Conducting.

Travel details for December 7 are not available at this time.

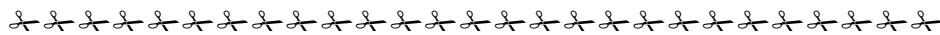
The excerpts to be recorded are available on line at www.ksmea.org. The KMEA NW District webpage is www.ksmea.org/nw

Violins: Eb Major Scale 3 Octaves, excerpt Brahms, and “Western Swing” from “An American Folk Symphony” by Jeffrey Bishop, Violin 1 part measures 33 thru 41.

Violas: Ab Major Scale 3 Octaves, excerpt Shostakovich, and “Western Swing” from “An American Folk Symphony” by Jeffrey Bishop, measures 25 thru 41.

Cellos: F Major Scale 3 Octaves, excerpt Rimsky-Korsakov, and “Western Swing” from “An American Folk Symphony” by Jeffrey Bishop, measures 25 thru 41.

Bass: Bb Major Scale 3 Octaves, excerpt Wagner “Meistersinger”, and “Western Swing” from “An American Folk Symphony” by Jeffrey Bishop, measures 41 thru 57.



_____ has my permission to audition for the SW / NW KMEA District Orchestra to be held at Fort Hays State University in on Saturday, December 5, 2015

Student _____
Parent/guardian _____

