



## New Jersey Music Educators Association First Inaugural Student Conference

Dear Music Educator,

The New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) is launching an annual student conference for high school student musicians on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

The Student Music Conference will be a one-day event filled with workshops and music performances for students in grades 9-12 from across New Jersey. The emphasis of this conference will be to provide opportunities for high school students to grow as musicians and address the needs of a musician in today's world. This will include learning from industry leaders, developing non-music assets that a 21st century musician needs, and connecting with one's peers.

### *Sample Schedule:*

<b>NJMEA Student Conference - November 2, 2023</b>					
Location	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Hall	Other
9:30 AM	Arrival (arriving schools move to large space)				
9:45 AM	Keynote (In large space)				
10:15 AM	Session	Session	Session	Performance	Tour/Exhibit Hall
11:00 AM	Session	Session	Session	Performance	Tour/Exhibit Hall
11:45 AM	Lunch and College Student Panel				
12:45 PM	Session	Session	Session	Performance	Tour/Exhibit Hall
1:15 PM	Departure				

### *Example Sessions:*

- *Hands On Beatmaking*
- *Professional Musician Roundtable*
- *Songwriting*
- *The Role of a Section Leader*



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### [NJMEA Student Conference Registration](#)

- Event Date/Time/Location:
  - **Thursday, November 2nd from 9:30 AM-1:15 PM**
  - **Rider University**
- Registration Fee: **\$30 per school**
- Application Requirements:
  - Sponsoring Teacher must have a current and active NAFME membership.
  - Only schools located in New Jersey will be accepted.
  - Students must currently be enrolled in grades 9-12 (or an equivalent course at non-graded schools).
  - Student Counts: **Individual schools may nominate a maximum of 15 students. Districts may nominate a maximum of 30 students (limit 15 per school).**
- Please note that space is limited for this event. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with the first round of applications due **Friday, September 15th.**
  - **Examples:**
    - 1 District, 1 School (up to 15 students): \$30
    - 1 District, 2 Schools (School A: 15 students, School B: 15 students): \$60
    - 1 District, 3 Schools (School A: 10 students, School B: 10 students, School C: 10 students): \$90
- All applicants will be notified of their acceptance within 1 week of their submission.

### FAQ:

- **How many students can I bring?**  
Districts may bring a maximum of 30 students. Schools may bring a maximum of 15 students each.
- **What should my students bring with them to the conference?**  
Students should bring a bagged lunch. Instruments are optional (refer to the final list of session topics that will be provided to determine instrument needs).
- **How will I know which sessions my students are attending?**  
Students are welcome to attend sessions of their choosing, including performances and optional campus tours. Teachers/chaperones are responsible for monitoring student behavior at all times during the conference.
- **How will I know if my students were accepted?**  
Sponsoring teachers will be notified of acceptance within 1 week of their submissions.

Reach out to Conference Chair Daniel Pasquale at [dpasqual@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:dpasqual@somsd.k12.nj.us) with questions/concerns.



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### Field Trip Details

Date: Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023

Location: Rider University

Arrival Time: 9:30 AM

Departure Time: 1:15 PM

Payee:

- NJMEA  
Attn: William McDevitt  
300 W Somerdale Road, STE C  
Vorhees, NJ 08043
  
- Cost per School: \$30,
- Invoice will be provided once your school's registration has been accepted.

Field Trip Rationale:

- Subject Relatedness: Students have responded, performed, created, and connected to music standards of skills and knowledge as part of music instruction in their schools.
- Trip Description: Students will participate in hands-on music-making experiences, including sessions on a variety of topics, led by college professors and music industry professionals. Attendees will have opportunities to observe collegiate-level student performances and tour a college campus during the trip.
- Follow-Up: Students will reflect on their experiences with support from their teachers at their school site.
- NJ Student Learning Standards:
  - 1.3C.12prof.Cr1a. Compose and improvise ideas for melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that reflect characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods or cultures studied in rehearsal.
  - 1.3C.12prof.Pr6a. Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music representing diverse cultures, styles, and genres.
  - 1.3C.12prof.Re9a. Evaluate works and performances based on personally or collaboratively developed criteria, including analysis of the structure and context.
  - 1.3C.12prof.Cn10a. Demonstrate how interests, knowledge, and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.