



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear High School Band Directors:

September 29, 2022

Thank you for your hard work in preparing your students for this year's CMEA-CCS High School Honor Band. I look forward to receiving your students' auditions and hearing this year's ensemble. The information on the following pages will help you through the audition process and contains all the information needed to ensure that you, your students, and their parents are informed and prepared. Audition materials are currently posted on the CMEA-CCS website (www.ccsmusic.org).

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This year we will return to full in-person rehearsals and performances with an audience!! I am excited and hope you are as well.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rehearsal at **Cabrillo College, Aptos**
Friday, February 3rd, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal at **Cabrillo College, Aptos**
Saturday, February 4th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal at **Cabrillo College, Aptos**
The Concert is February 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at Cabrillo College, Aptos

AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

Audition Materials and Paperwork are currently available online

Monday, October 17, 2022 through Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – Online audition submission window
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - All forms and fees due to the Event Chair (**postmark date is sufficient**)
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 Digital Submissions due by **5:00 PM**
Monday-Friday, November 21-25, 2022– Online listening sessions for participating directors

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All forms and audition materials are available for download from the CCS Website (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups. Please download the Honors Application Packet, High School Honor Band **Audition Set B (2015)**, and the High School Honor Band Director's Letter Packet. Please inform me of any band directors that you know who are unable to access email or the webpage and must be mailed this information.

CCS policy states that directors must be current NAFME members at the time of the auditions and the event. All NAFME membership transactions are through their webpage located at <http://music.ed.nafme.org>. If you have questions, call Membership Services (800-336-3768 ext. 213) to speak with a membership service representative.

Auditions will be conducted by the review of an unaltered recording. Be sure to proof listen to the recordings you submit.

Audition fee: **\$5.00** per student

Participation fee (if accepted): **\$50.00** per student. The fee this year includes a shirt.

- **CCS only accepts one director or school check per group.** Checks from students or parents will not be accepted.
- Please submit one Teacher and School Information form for each honor group student and a Student Honor Group Application for each auditioning student.
- Please mail or email forms to:
 - **Joey Fortino, Hollister HS Band, 1220 Monterey St., Hollister 95023**
 - jfortino@sbhds.k12.ca.us
- Audition fees and paperwork must be postmarked or emailed by **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**
- Please note we will not accept auditions for students who have not previously submitted applications and fees.

ONLINE AUDITIONS

Information on how to submit auditions will follow

CCS 2021-2022 LISTENING POLICY

In an effort to increase teacher involvement, **CCS requires that all teachers who submit student audition materials help adjudicate student auditions. Each teacher will be assigned a section to judge.**

AUDITION RESULTS

Directors will receive a complete list of audition results by **December 1st, 2022**. Accepted students should confirm their schedules as they are expected to punctually attend all rehearsals and the performance. Sports and all other extra curricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence or tardiness to rehearsals or performance.

All music will be sent out in early December. Teachers are expected to work on Honor Ensemble music with students and monitor their progress prior to the first rehearsal. Please encourage all your students to audition. The experience of preparing an audition is highly rewarding and can spark your students' focus and ambition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joey Fortino
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HS Band Chair
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